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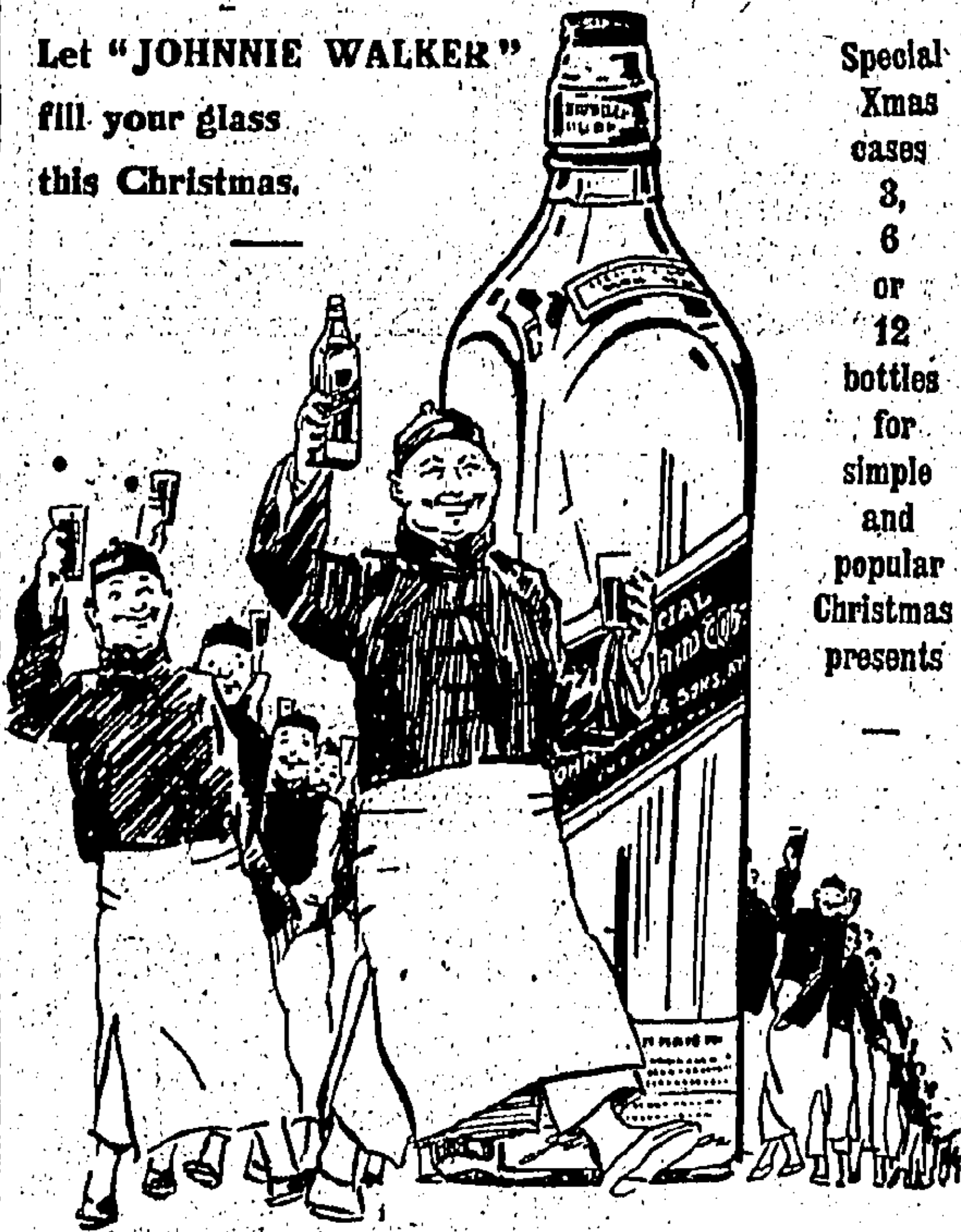
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FACTS AND FICTIONS ABOUT CANCER

NEED FOR EARLY TREATMENT.

WOMEN SLIGHTLY MORE LIABLE TO IT THAN MEN.

Fictions about cancer are exposed by the British Empire Cancer Campaign in a small book intended for the ordinary man and woman: "The Truth About Cancer," which has been published by John Murray and is sold in England for 2s. 6d. The volume has been written and revised by a committee of experts, and represents the opinions of the greatest authorities on cancer. It is introduced by the Marquis of Reading and welcomed by the Duke of York.

Cancer is not increasing among women. There is reason to believe it is increasing among men, although in past years the statistics have been swayed by better diagnosis and other causes. The mortality among women has been almost stationary for some years.

Cancer is not incurable. It can often be treated successfully—if it is treated early and not left. This is one of the most important points. Here are other destroyed fictions:

IS CANCER HEREDITARY?—Money talks, and many large life assurance companies do not increase the premium where one of the proposer's parents has died of cancer. "So far as is known," it is said, "it may be dismissed from our minds without serious consequences."

IS CANCER CONTAGIOUS?—"In the sense that measles, diphtheria, smallpox, and other diseases are

contagious, this question can be answered with a decisive negative." There is no known case.

Diet.—"There is no shred of reliable evidence that consumption of, or abstinence from, any particular article of diet leads to the occurrence of cancer, and definite evidence exists that there is no difference in the liability to cancer of strictly vegetarian communities and that of communities which live on a mixed diet, containing fish, flesh, and fowl."

No "CANCER HOUSES."—There is no satisfactory evidence that special "cancer houses" exist. The same arguments apply to "cancer localities."

ARE JEWS LESS LIABLE?—It is sometimes said that Jews are less liable to cancer because they do not eat the flesh of swine, but "careful investigation shows that Jews suffer from cancer in much the same degree as the non-Jewish populations among whom they live."

PARAFFIN AND CANCER.—There are various industries, including workers in paraffin and petroleum shales, and tar and aniline dyes, in which cancer mortality is higher than in others, but "it is practically certain that the cancer-producing agent or agents in paraffin or petroleum reside in the crude oils alone, and there is no evidence whatever that the refined substances used in medicine has cancer-producing properties."

WOMEN AND MEN.—Women are a little more liable to cancer than men, the proportions being 1.171 women to 1,000 men.

CAUSES OF CANCER.—Various causes of cancer are known. A jagged tooth or ill-fitting denture may cause cancer of the mouth, and they should be avoided.

Gallstones, broken clay pipes, warts, moles, and other abnormal lumps in any part of the body, ulcers, or pimples that do not heal, undue exposure to X-rays or ultra-violet rays, prolonged exposure to tar, petroleum oils, arsenic and soot are all possible causes of cancer.

Any chronic irritation of the body predisposes to cancer and should be properly treated.

The point to be emphasised is that cancer must be treated without delay if the treatment is to succeed. The treatment may be by operation or radium.

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The only reliable measures of treatment for cancer known at present are surgical operation and radiation.

It is emphasised that for complete success treatment by operation or radiation must be extensive and adequate.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(December 30.)

Queen's Theatre: "Girl Said No."

World Theatre: "Love on the Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

Hockey: H.M.S. Tamar v. K.B.S.F.P.A.

Annual Meeting of the H.K. Benevolent Society, City Hall at 5.15 p.m.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Sinkiang).

Wednesday.

(December 31.)

New Year's Eve.

Regulus Bay Hotel Carnival.

Golf: New Year's Meeting.

Queen's Theatre: "In Gay Madrid."

World Theatre: "Love on the Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

Thursday.

(January 1, 1931.)

New Year's Day.

Queen's Theatre: "In Gay Madrid."

World Theatre: "Love on the Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

Football: Services v. The Rest, Soekunpoo, 3.30 p.m.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Suez (Comorin). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta Maru) 8.30 a.m.

Friday.

(January 2.)

Queen's Theatre: "In Gay Madrid."

World Theatre: "Love on the Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Chasing Thru Europe."



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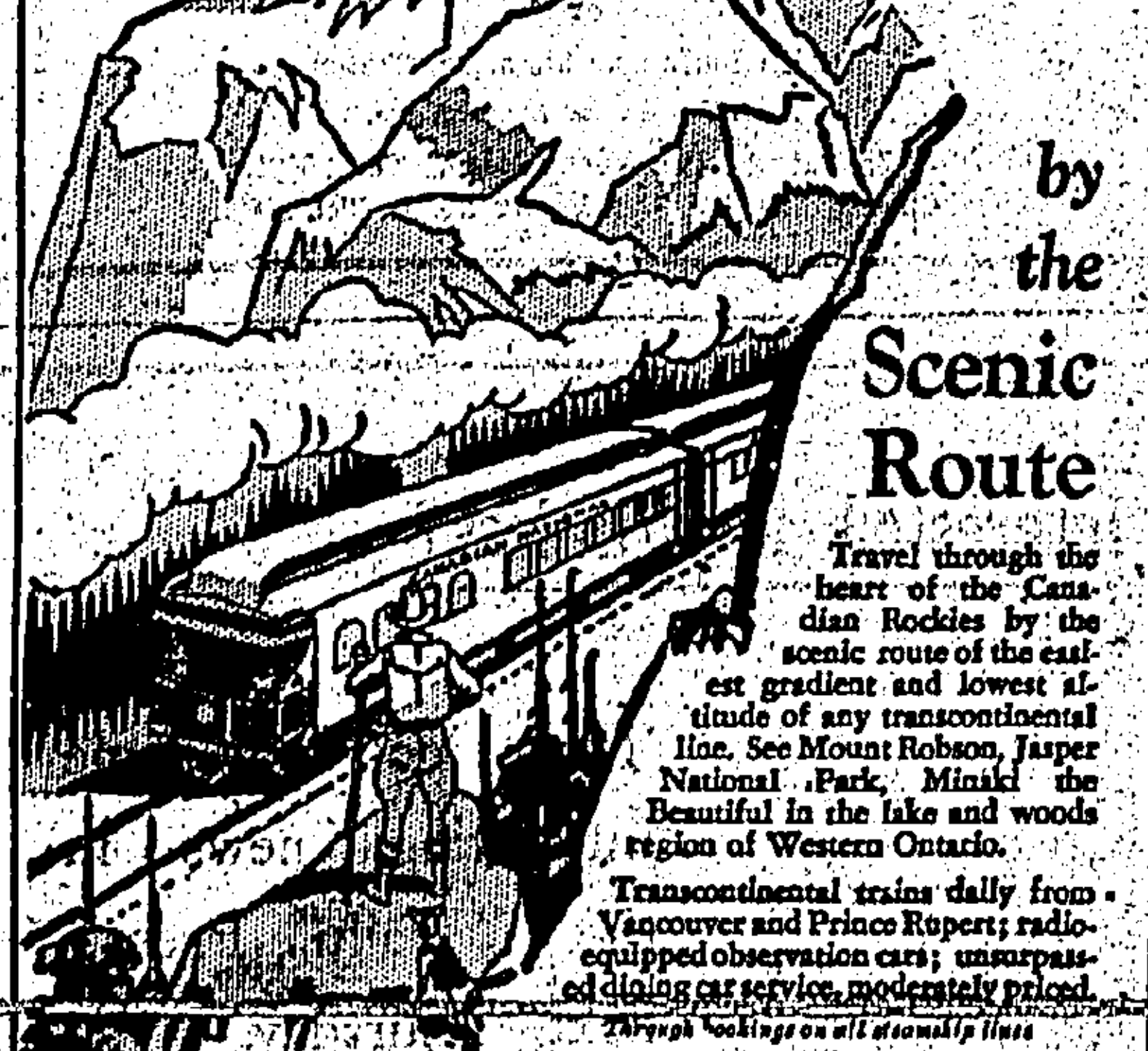
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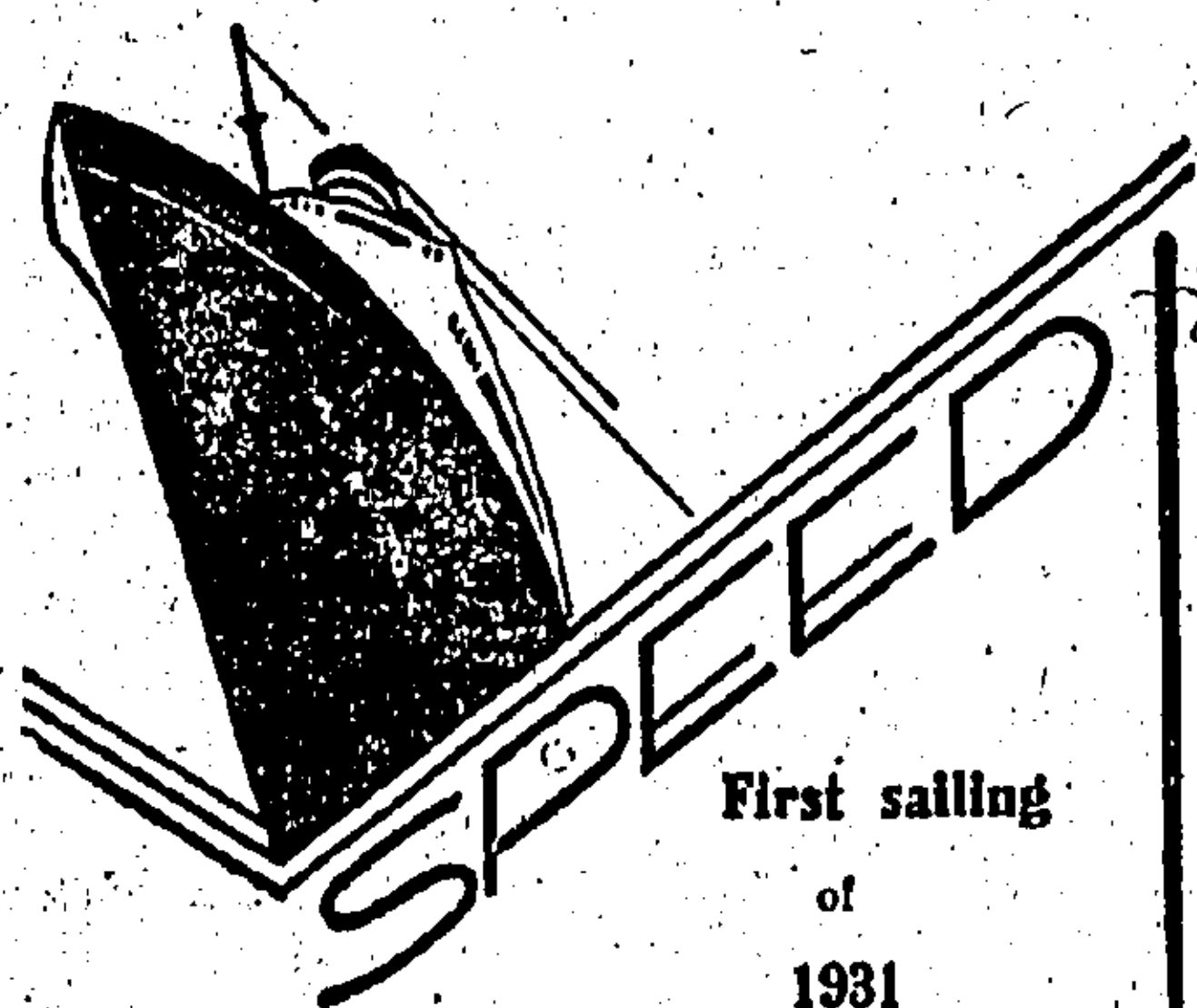
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"THE GREEN PASTURES."

THE GOD OF MERCY.

[By MARC CONNELLY.]

It is a shadowed corner beside the walls of the temple in Jerusalem. The light of camp fires flickers on the figure of Hezrael, who was ADAM in the past. He stands in the same position ADAM held when first discovered, but in his right hand is a sword, and his left is in a sling. Around him are several prostrate bodies. Pistol and cannon shots, then a trumpet call. Six young men enter from left in command of a Conrnat. They are all armed.

Corporal: De fightin's stopped fo' de night, Hezrael.

Hezrael: Yes?

Corporal: Dey're goin' to begin ag'in at cockerow. [Man enters, crosses the stage and exits.] Herod say he's goin' to take de temple to-morrow, burn de books and de Ark of de Covenant, and put us all to de sword.

Hezrael: Yo' ready, ain't you?

Everybody: Yes, Hezrael.

Hezrael: Did de food get in through de hole in de city wall?

[Two soldiers enter, cross the stage, and exit.]

Corporal: Yussuh, we's goin' back to pass it out now.

Hezrael: Good. Any mo' of our people escape to-day?

Corporal: O! Herod's got de ol' hole covered up now, but fifteen of our people got out a new one we made.

[Other soldiers enter, cross the stage and exit.]

Hezrael: Good. Take dese yere wounded men back and git 'em took care of.

Corporal: Yes, sub.

[They pick up the bodies on the ground and carry them offstage as Hezrael speaks.]

Hezrael: So dey gonter take de temple in de mo'nin'. We'll be waitin' for 'em. Jest remember, boys, when they kill us we leap out of our skins, right into de lap of God.

[The men disappear with the wounded; from the deep shadow upstage comes God.]

God: Hello, Hezrael—Adam.

Hezrael: [Rubbing his forehead.] Who is you?

God: Me! I'm jest an ol' preacher, from back in de hills.

Hezrael: What you doin' yere?

God: I heard you boys was fightin'. I jest wanted to see how it was goin'.

Hezrael: Well, it ain't goin' so well.

God: Dey got you skeered, huh?

Hezrael: Look yere, who is you, a spy in my brain?

God: Cain't you see I's one of yo' people?

Hezrael: Listen, Preacher, we ain't skeered. We's gonter be killed, but we ain't skeered.

God: I's glad to hear dat. Kin I ask you a question, Hezrael?

Hezrael: What is it?

God: How is it you is so brave?

Hezrael: Caise we got faith, dat's why.

God: Faith? In who?

Hezrael: In our dear Lawd God.

God: But God say He abandoned ev' one down yere.

Hezrael: Who say dat? Who dare say dat of de Lawd God of Hosea?

God: De God of Hosea?

Hezrael: You heard me. Book yere, you is a spy in my brain!

God: No, I ain't, Hezrael. I'm jest puzzled. You ought to know dat.

Hezrael: How come you so puzzled 'bout de God of Hosea?

God: I don't know. Maybe I jest don't hear things. You see, I live 'way back in de hills.

Hezrael: What you wantin' find out?

God: Ain't de God of Hosea de same Jehovah dat was de God of Moses?

Hezrael: [Contemptuously.] No. Dat's de God of wrath and vengeance! We have de God dat Hosea preached to us. He's de one God.

God: Who's He?

Hezrael: [Reverently.] De God of mercy.

God: Hezrael, don't you think dey must be de same God?

Hezrael: I don't know. I ain't bothered to think much about it. Maybe dey is. Maybe our God is de same ol' God. I guess we jest got tired of His appearin' dat ol' way.

LADY ASTOR & MISS WILKINSON.

SHREWD THRUSTS IN HOUSE.

MEN OUT OF IT.

In all parts of the House of Commons, on November 23, all the women members were united—for once—in demanding that when a British woman marries a foreigner she shall not necessarily lose her nationality.

In moving the second reading of the Nationality of Women Bill Dr. Ethel Bentham (Lab., Islington) gave these instances of how the present law, under which a woman loses her own nationality on marriage, causes hardship:

An English widow of a foreigner was nearly sent out of this country during the war, although she understood no language except her own.

A woman doctor deliberately decided to live with a foreigner without marriage in order to retain her nationality.

Under the Bill, she explained, a British woman on marriage would have the right to decide whether she would take her husband's nationality or retain her own.

Protest and Retort.

Miss Wilkinson (Lab., Middlesbrough) protested vigorously against the view that women were merely reflections of their husbands and not separate and distinct personalities. "I feel," she declared, "that my British nationality is a vital part of me." She asked the House to imagine her married to a German.

Lady Astor (C. Plymouth), in a shocked tone: You ought not to. (Laughter.)

Miss Wilkinson (tightly): Well, you have done much the same. (Laughter.)

Miss Wilkinson protested against a man being allowed to bring into this country a foreign wife who would be entitled by her marriage to sit in the House of Commons.

Lady Astor, who, as a Virginian, is in this position, retorted:

"I am a passionate Virginian, and if I lived 100 years away from my country I would still be a Virginian, but that does not affect my being a good citizen of Britain. If I had at this moment to choose I would like an English citizenship because of my husband and because I am happily married."

Under the Bill she was supporting her marriage alone would not have made her eligible to become an M.P. She would have had to become naturalised.

"Very Fond of Men."

Some characteristic asides that caused laughter were:

You will never have good men till you have got good women. Men cannot be free till women are free.

I am very fond of men. If I had not been, could I have spent nearly 12 years in this House? Whether we ask for equality for women, up comes the old cry of the sanctity of family life.

Men took a back seat during the debate, but Mr. Holford Knight (Lab., Nottingham) managed to get in a word or two. While supporting the Bill, he expressed the forlorn hope that something might be done some day for the emancipation of men. (Laughter.)

Women members continued to carry everything before them.

After Mr. Clynes (Home Secretary) had dared to say for the Government that, while they accepted the principle of the Bill, they could not accept it altogether, largely because of international difficulties and lack of unanimity among the Dominions, Miss Rathbone, the Independent member for the Combined English Universities, born down under full sail on him.

She made it clear that women would not be satisfied with the Government's offer of legislating, at some dim and distant date, which would allow a British woman to recover her own nationality only if living apart from her foreign husband. She demanded definite and immediate action on the lines of the Bill.

Determined Women.

For the Liberals, Sir Herbert Samuel succeeded in getting in a few words edgewise in support of the Bill and in criticism of the lethargy of the Government.

The Bill was given a second reading, without a division. It was clear that women members did not intend to allow the Government to shelve the matter.

SUITOR'S LOVE PLEA IN COURT.

PASSION FOR ENGAGED GIRL.

A remarkable confession of love was made recently by a too-persistent suitor in Sheffield Police Court.

William A. Doubleday Smith (31), of Macoma-road, London, stated to be employed at Woolwich Arsenal and to have been connected with the War Office, was charged with being in the yard of a house for unlawful purposes. For the prosecution it was stated that Smith had been previously bound over on a charge of molesting a young woman for whom he had a consuming passion.

Smith, speaking with emotion and occasionally holding his head between his hands, told the Bench that he had previously been in court and fined £20. Being unable to pay, he was committed to prison for three months.

His brother went to Lincoln Gaol and paid the fine for him, and he was released.

Last Monday, when he went to the War Office, there was an investigation into his case. Whether he would be dismissed or allowed to resign he did not know.

He admitted treating the young woman badly, but he loved her, and always would.

He knew that she was engaged to be married, but even, in spite of that, he had had hope, but she did not want him. Neither had she any love for him.

Once he knew she was married he would be settled, but the suspense and uncertainty were unbalancing his mind.

"I have lost all control with worry and suspense," he declared.

The young woman, giving evidence, said that the position was affecting her health and work.

Smith, who was reminded that he had been bound over to leave the young woman alone, said he would do his best in future.

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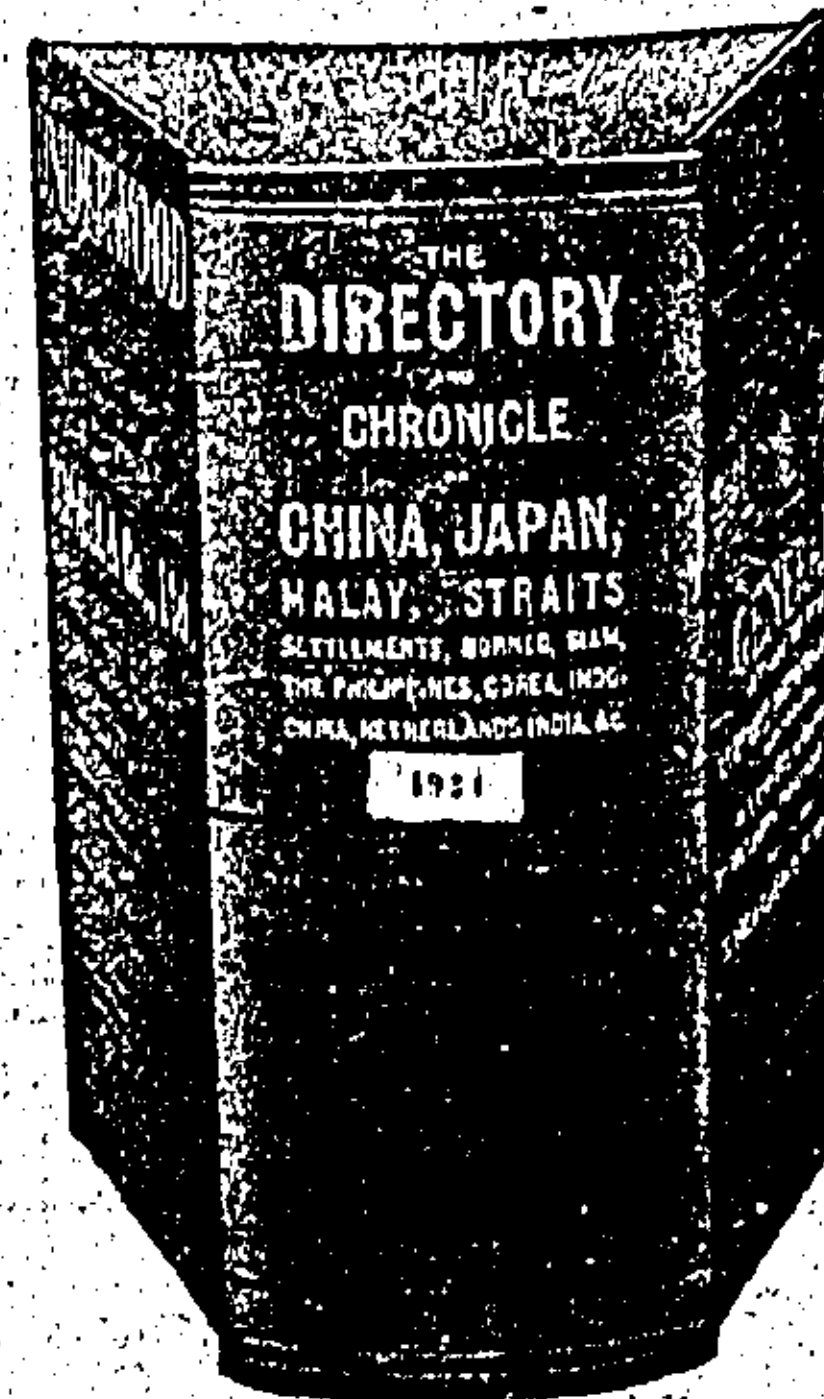
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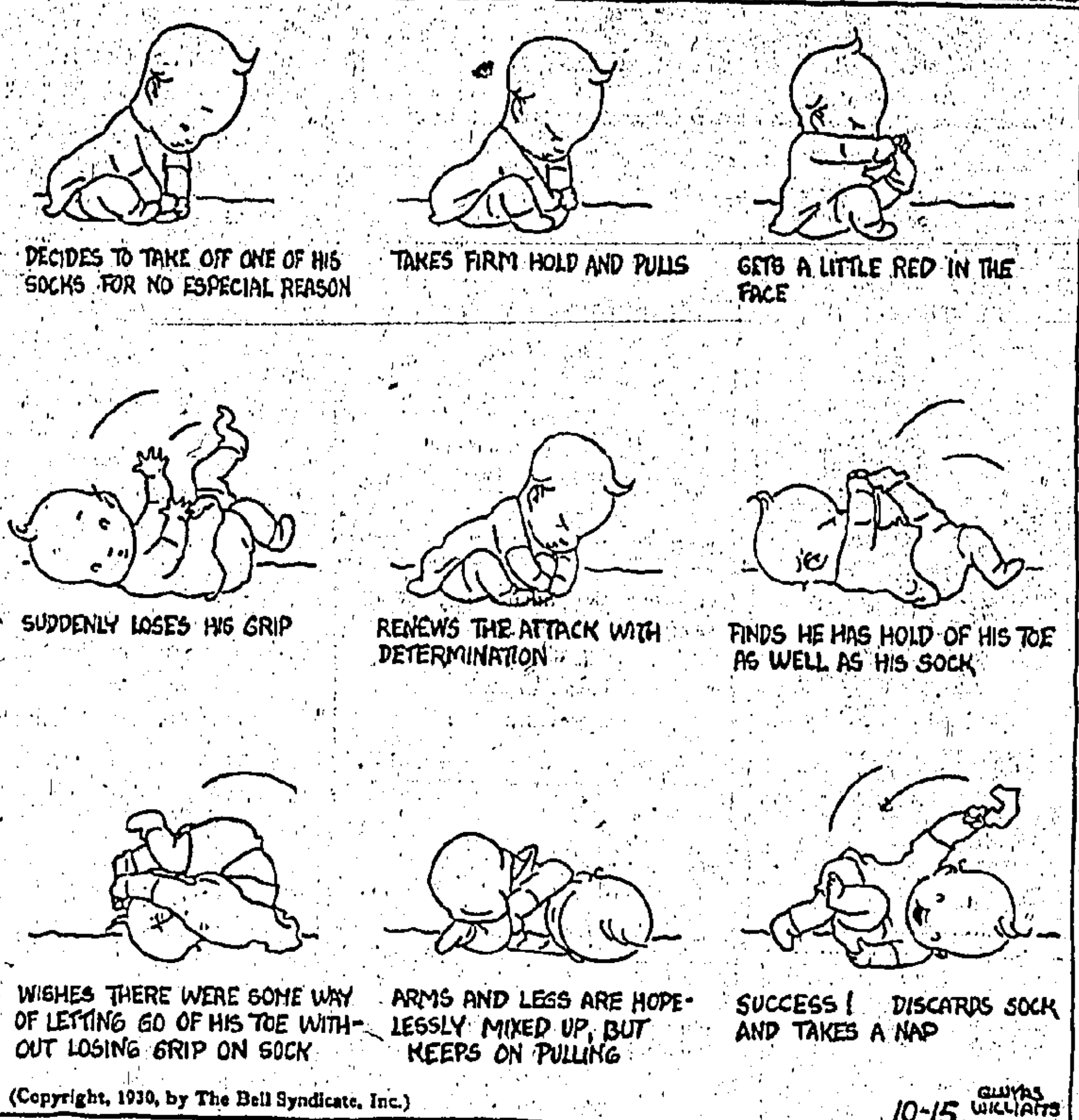
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BOOKS and READERS.

Someone remarked a short while ago that the reason for the wide popularity of Edgar Wallace's books was that they read like newspaper reports of actual crimes. I heard the remark and forgot it until the last lot of books came to me for review. I do not want to say anything disparaging of Edgar the Great, he has helped me to pass many otherwise dull hours pleasantly, but the force of my friend's observation came home to me as I plodded through the pages of "The Cue of the Silver Key" (Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6). It does read exactly like an ill arranged newspaper report in one of the less skillfully edited papers, and I fell asleep twice in the course of reading it.

As a direct contrast comes an excellent first novel "THE TIN TREE," by James Quince (Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6). This, too, is a murder story, but it has been treated with a freshness of outlook which is even more commendable since Mr. Wallace has given so many convincing lessons in how to

grow famous by murders. If Mr. Quince can produce other stories as good as this one he will do something towards helping the detective story out of the well defined furrow first driven by Sax Rohmer and Conan Doyle and deepened by Edgar Wallace.

Anthony Berkeley, in his introduction to "THE SECOND SHOT" (Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6) goes into this question of the future of the detective story and tries an experiment in the direction in which he believes it to lie, that is the development of character and atmosphere rather than concentrating on the bewildering of the reader. It seems unfortunate that for the purpose of so laudable an experiment he should have chosen to tell his story through the medium of Cyril Pinkerton. Silly, consequential little men of this sort do not have to meet them in novels as well as in real life. The story drags, mainly because it is told by the sort of person who never gets to the point or stick to it, and the very fact of its being related by one who was personally interested that the crime should not be detected, confuses the issue for the reader who likes to play Sherlock Holmes. The character drawing though somewhat hackneyed in places is certainly better than that in the average "thriller" and the dénouement may come as a surprise to a good many readers.

Then we get Ganpat, who wrote some years ago an amazingly good first novel called "Harrilek" about a lost tribe in Central Asia. It was a sound adventure story with a really romantic atmosphere and I hoped for something of the same sort when I found that Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton had sent "THE TRADER'S WIFE" (7/6) for review. But Ganpat, too, has tried his hand at a murder mystery. The plot is not a new one, but the story is efficiently told and there are exciting moments.

After such a plethora of detection it was refreshing to take up "THE TRADER'S WIFE" (Hodder & Stoughton, 6/6). Jean Kenyon Mackenzie is, I think, a candidate for the ranks of those whom someone called "Mr. Heinemann's clever young men." At all events "The Trader's Wife," which is really a short story expanded by means of thick paper, "nice" printing, and general spiciness of get up, into a short novel, is almost irritatingly clever. The story is vivid and well told but you can never lose yourself in it on account of the admonition on every page that you—if you are a person of discrimination—will find there genuine genius! I hope the next book will be a little better and give us another book when she has done so, because with any luck it should be really good.

GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS.

THE BOOK OF FLEET STREET. Edited by T. Michael Pope. London: Cassell and Co.

This is a seductive book to put in the hands of any spirited young man seeking a career. Its editor, the late T. Michael Pope, who, to the sorrow of his many friends, did not survive its publication, has been able to persuade the nimblest minds in contemporary journalism to a symposium on their craft; and one and all they write of it as the most zestful of adventures. If, like Mr. Robert Lynd, Mr. Caradoc Evans, and others, they deal frankly with early struggles, it is with affection even for these. If, like Mr. Priestley, they tell of those other Fleet Streets in the Brudenfords of England, or, like Mr. Vernon Bartlett and Mr. Sisley Huddleston, of the foreign correspondent's life, they yet convey insensibly that strong tie that binds all journalists together from Bombay to Bouverie Street. The humours as well as the rigours of the game get full play. Mr. Belloc's essay, "Mark My Words," on the fallibility of Press prophecy is delicious. Mr. James Bone's account of the robust longevity and world-wide travels of the well launched "spoof stunt," "Beachcomber's" astonishing narrative of his adventures in China, Mr. Wyndham Lewis's gay tribute to the authors of Letters: to the Editor, and other such lighthearted footnotes to newspaper life justify Mr. Gerald Barry's remark that "there is more laughter in Fleet Street than in any in the world." And if, as he adds, the essence of the Street is not to be analysed, at least this volume comes nearer to capturing it than do any of the well-meaning primers on journalism or the considered memoirs of individual journalists.

TALE OF SHANGHAI INTRIGUE.

BITTER TEA. By Grace Zaring Stone. London: Cobden-Sanderson.

In this remarkable novel of China Megan Davis, the American heroine, goes out to marry Bob, a young medical missionary at Changsha, but the story does not make it clear whether she ever does so. It is a point on which the reader is indifferent, for in the course of adventure Bob fades out of the story, and when Megan fell in love with him it only means that she decided to focus on him all the ardours and enthusiasms, all the capacity for dreaming and questioning, of which she was capable. Doubtless this is a pity, though the way it is done, and in this case the distractions were extraordinary. She meets Dr. Strike, and her instinct told her

THE SILVER SCREEN.

"IN GAY MADRID."

A Spanish setting was selected for the locale of Ramon Novarro's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer all-talking and singing picture, "In Gay Madrid," which will open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

The chief sequences of the picture take place in a small Spanish university town and advance report has it that the atmosphere and general feeling of the picture is somewhat in the manner of Novarro's previous success, "The Student Prince," in which he co-starred with Norma Shearer.

In the present instance, Dorothy Jordan, who was seen opposite Novarro in "Devil May Care," will again play opposite the star, while the supporting cast includes Lottico Howell, Claude King, Eugenia Besserer, William V. Beryl Mercer, Nanci Price, Herbert Clark and David Scott.

"In Gay Madrid" is an adaptation of the Spanish classic, "La Casa de la Troya," written by Alejandro Perez Lugin, and concerns the son of a Marquis, who when he is sent to a university, involves himself in a romance which is almost brought to ruin because of his previous affair with a Madrid dancer.

It is said the production has been handsomely fitted both as regards settings and costumes. Musical attractions include six songs sung by Novarro and a male chorus of fifty trained voices.

"that he was often blinded by the reflections of his own qualities, and that the last thing to surprise him in another would be courage." This is finely said, and the adventure gives the tension of personal relation in stress of danger and uncertainty. The narrative is excellent, and the series of events suggests a real experience. Megan is plunged into the disturbances at Shanghai, and in strange circumstances she becomes the captive of a Chinese general. The quality of the interest changes; Megan and the General are involved in a series of discussions involving interracial and personal relations. The General is interesting, a man of hard logic and traditional culture. Of Dr. Strike he says that "a man who has dedicated himself to the service of any god is unreliable as a friend." This is peculiarly apposite in the particular circumstances of intrigue and intricate diplomacy. Megan is intelligent enough, but, confronted with the General, she suggests a Sunday-school teacher attempting to adjust the traditions of five thousand years. They have some strange moments together, and the story reverts to desperate and fatal adventure. It is very exciting, and the last tragic episode is a finely invented illumination of Western idealism.

LONDON'S "NEAR RICH."

THE SQUARE CIRCLE. By DENIS MACKAIL. (Hodder and Stoughton).

The fashion of the day is for the long novel; and in conforming to it, Mr. Denis Mackail has been fortunate in having found in "The Square Circle" a subject which lends itself to indefinite expansion in treatment without deflecting him from the line of comment which is as natural to himself as it is acceptable to his large public. His sympathies are with the sons and daughters of near-rich but honest parents; and his gift is for describing their idiosyncrasies, and their environment—their coats, their hosen and their hats; their cats, their dogs and their cars. The Square Circle is a London square—the kind with a garden committee; and there is reason to think that Mr. Mackail could have written a pretty long and eminently readable novel with no more material than that afforded by its members, its meetings, its debates, and the decisions come to at the dictation of Colonel Parkinhorpe, its chairman.

But Mr. Mackail has space but for two of its meetings, for he has set himself to report on the doings in the square and in the households with access to it during each of the four seasons of a year. Mention has been made of the garden committee, and ranking even above them is Lady Poley, so august a person that she pays her doctors in pounds when they suggest guineas. At the other end of the scale are the children, who, with their games, manias, conjurers and Christmas parties. There is a Judge, and a solicitor, and a Civil servant; any number of boys and girls and resulting affairs of the heart.

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GENERAL OF POLICE.]

General.

Revolver Practice.—There will be

no revolver practice at the Kennedy

Road Range to-morrow.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police

Reservists at the Police Training

School, Kowloon, will be held as

usual to-day at 5.30 p.m. All mem-

bers of the Chinese Company, and

of the Flying Squad who have not

yet passed Part 2 of Training

Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, A.S.P.

(R.), relinquishes command of the

Chinese Company with effect from

December 31 and is appointed to

command the Emergency Company,

Police Reserve, with effect from

January 1.

The Inspector-General of Police

wishes to express his appreciation

of the services rendered by Mr. F.

C. Mow Fung while commanding

the Chinese Company of the Police

Reserve.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Sub-Inspector B. C.

Randall relinquishes command of

the Flying Squad, Police Reserve,

with effect from December 31.

The Inspector-General of Police

wishes to express his appreciation

of the services rendered by Mr. B.

C. Randall while commanding the

Flying Squad of the Police Reserve.

Promotion.—Constable R233 A.

W. Mooney of the Hong Kong

Station has been appointed Lance-

Sergeant, with effect from December

30.

The next weekly instructional

patrol of the Kowloon Section will

take place on Tuesday, January 6,

Fall in at Tsim-tai-tai Fire

Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

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Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—

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Sharpshooters' Company.

Lance Constable R233 B. S. M.

Veale has been granted three

months' leave of absence from the

Colony, as from December 31.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING,

D.S.P. (R.).

MIXED MARRIAGES IN LIVERPOOL.

BISHOP'S COMPLAINT.

WOMEN TERRORIZED BY ROMAN PRIESTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 2.—The Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), in a communication which he handed to me to-day, writes the *Times* correspondent, returns to his statement at the recent Diocesan Conference on things which, he said, stood in the way of a Christian temper between Anglicans and Roman Catholics in Liverpool. Among the things he complained of on that occasion were the methods by which, he said, "Roman priests brought relentless pressure upon non-Roman partners in mixed marriages."

R.O. Bishop's Disclaimer.

Dr. David says that in October he asked the Archbishop of Liverpool (Dr. Downey) whether it was by his authority that Roman priests constantly asserted that partners in mixed marriages who were unwilling to submit to Roman rites and conditions were not married, and that their children were illegitimate. In a very courteous reply the Archbishop explained to him the Roman Catholic marriage law, and added, "I cannot imagine any priest would be so ignorant and foolish as to pronounce the children of a mixed marriage contracted outside the Church illegitimate." He (Dr. David) had now sent the Archbishop six extracts from letters (others were in process of being verified) specifying occasions since the time when the *temere* decree was promulgated in England, on which such statements had been made, often in language much coarser than that he had quoted. The writers had allowed him to give their names to Dr. Downey, and in most cases the priests' as well, and were prepared to stand by what they had declared. He had sent the Archbishop also notes from other letters which corroborated this evidence. He had a number of other communications from persons whose names he was not allowed to pass on, even to Dr. Downey, for fear of the priest.

Wives' Nervous Breakdowns.

"It is pitiable," continues the Bishop, "to realize the terror revealed in many letters I have received and interviews I have held, and the extent and depth of the misery so caused. 'My husband will lose his job,' 'Our windows will be broken,' 'he says he will put us out of salvation,' 'he is going to send the ghost of my mother to curse me all my life,' 'the priest will make my life a worse hell than ever.' I am not surprised to hear this autumn of several cases of nervous breakdown among defenceless women (it is the women who suffer most) subjected to such a strain."

It is to be noted that the Roman Church reserves this weapon of fear for the unlearned and the poor. It has recently learned of mixed marriages among the well-to-do (who are not so readily frightened) in which the partners have made their own arrangements and the situation has been tacitly accepted by the priests, who remain on friendly terms with the family and leave it in peace, but these cases are mostly in the South of England. It is upon the industrial population in the Roman Catholic dioceses of Liverpool, Lancaster, and Glasgow that the Roman Catholics are concentrating these methods of force and fear, so alien to the mind and spirit of Christ, with a pitiless rigour which the author of the decree could never have contemplated as a result of it."

"Mock Marriage."

The Bishop adds that he has submitted to Archbishop Downey quotations from documents carrying at least some Roman authority which seem to render evidence from private conversations almost superfluous. Thus a printed advertisement of a mission in Everton last month contains this statement:—"How greatly in need of God's special grace to save them from hell are men and women whose life is a continual scandal. Sometimes they start life by running to the registry office to contract a mock marriage that is neither ratified in Heaven nor blessed by Jesus Christ." Again in a Roman Catholic magazine called *Stella Maris* the editor, in answer to a correspondent who complained that a Roman Catholic left his non-Roman wife because she could not make the advantage of her position so made to him. Indeed, I feel sure that in his own way he will take his own part towards setting right a widespread and a grievous wrong."

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme.

1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time, Rugby Press news.

2 p.m.—Close down.

3 p.m.—European programme of Columbia records selected and supplied by Messrs. Anderson Co.

5-6 p.m.—Variety.

Organ Duet: "The Moonlight Reminds Me of You."—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crawford.

Organ Solo: "It Happened In Monterey."—Jesse Crawford.

Humorous Song: "The Return of Abdul Abdul Amir."—Frank Crumit.

Orchestral: "Chloe."—Paul White-

man and his concert orchestra.

Humorous Song: "My Lover."—Grace Hayes.

Orchestral: "Italian Airs."—Victor Novelty Orchestra.

Coronet Solo and Band: "My Heaven of Love."—Del Stagers.

Song: "Alabama Lullaby."—Gene Austin (tenor).

Hawaiian Orchestra: "Southern Melodians."—Walter Kolomoku's Honoluluans.

Singing with Guitars: "Jimmie's Texas Blues."—Jimmie Rogers.

Orchestral: "Gypsy Souvenir."—Hungarian Rhapsody Orchestra.

Orchestral: "Hungarian Flower."—Hungarian Rhapsody Orchestra.

Pianoforte Duet: "After You've Gone."—Thomas Waller-Bennie Payne.

Pianoforte Duet: "St. Louis Blues."—Thomas Waller-Bennie Payne.

6.30 p.m.—Children's programme from the Studio.

6.30-7.15 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Sakuntala."—Overture.—Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Perpetual Motion."—Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

"Masked Ball Selections."—Crescendos Dance.

"In the Mountain Pass."—Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"In the Mosque."—Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Minute From Beau Brummel."—London Symphony Orchestra.

"Wand of Youth."—London Symphony Orchestra.

7.15-7.45 p.m.—

A Concert.

Song: "Jock O'Hazeldean."—Mary Garden (soprano).

Violoncello: "Allegro."—Pablo Casals.

Violoncello: "Adagio."—Pablo Casals.

Song: "Kathleen Mavourneen."—John McCormack (tenor).

Violin Solo: "Rondo."—Renee Chemet.

Violin Solo: "Adoration."—Renee Chemet.

7.45-8 p.m.—

Carmen Suite.

"Gypsy Dance."—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Les Dragons d'Alcala."—Philadelphia Orchestra.

"March of the Smugglers."—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Soldiers Changing the Guard."—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

8 p.m.—K. Shing Theatre relay.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

The Bishop's Advice.

In a catechism of Christian doctrine approved by the Archbishop and Bishops in New Zealand, the following answer (No. 313) occurs: "A Catholic and a non-Catholic presuming to go through a form of marriage before a non-Catholic minister or before the civil registrar do not contract a valid marriage; that is to say, they are not married at all." "This statement might," adds Dr. David, "supply a reason for the Marriage Amendment Act passed in that country 10 years ago. It provided that any person is liable on summary conviction to a fine of £100, who alleges expressly or by implication that any persons lawfully married are not truly and sufficiently married. Some of my correspondents ask me whether there is any legal remedy against a priest who makes similar allegations in England. I am advised that libel actions of such a kind are not likely to succeed for lack of publication and of the possibility of proving material damage. My own advice, to those who can afford to take it, is that such statements as I have described should at once be challenged, and unless, as sometimes happens, they are withdrawn, they should be reported, with the name of the priest, to the Anglican vicar or to myself, or direct to Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool, Liverpool. There need be no Roman Catholic magazine called *Stella Maris* the editor, in answer to a correspondent who complained that a Roman Catholic left his non-Roman wife because she could not make the advantage of her position so made to him. Indeed, I feel sure that in his own way he will take his own part towards setting right a widespread and a grievous wrong."

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THE GATE OF TEARS.

GIRLS TREATED AS CATTLE.

Berlin.—Despite decades of anti-slavery agitation, hundreds of Abyssinian women are smuggled yearly through the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, "the Gate of Tears," to be sold into slavery in Arabia and elsewhere.

So declares Herr Gruhl, leader of the recent German expedition to Ethiopia, commenting in the 12-Uhr latt on the news that a commission of the League of Nations has lately discovered a slave depot on an island in the Red Sea, off the African coast.

"The slave traders," he says, "chiefly get their goods from the south and south-west parts of Abyssinia, their favourite areas being Galla and Shankalla."

"The elegant, beautiful, light brown complexioned girls of Galla, who have the grace of a gazelle, are those most treasured as wives and mistresses, and they fetch extremely high prices in Arabia and adjoining countries," states Herr Gruhl.

Raid for Slaves.

Raids, he says, are constantly being made in the provinces of Shankalla when all the women of the raided villages are seized and led away in chains through dark primeval forests and then across the deserts and plains of Dankali and British Somaliland to the coast, where they are shipped on board dhows at night and transported to Arabian ports.

The much-sought-after Galla girls, however, he says, are bought singly by Arabian traders, who take them to hidden depots on the Red Sea coast, where they too are shipped to Arabia.

Herr Gruhl says he sometimes saw hundreds of girl slaves on the march, chained together and being whipped like cattle by traders.

As most of the territory from which the women are kidnapped is Abyssinian only, in name, Herr Gruhl says that the Abyssinian Government, in its efforts to suppress the slave traffic, has not yet been able to achieve success.

KWANGSI REBELS DEFYING NANKING.

KWANGTUNG DEFENCES BEING STRENGTHENED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 29.

Contrary to current reports, the 8th Military Route, under the direction of General Chen Tsai Tong, has thus far received no orders from Nanking that it is to be dispensed with, now that the unification of China has been achieved.

General Chen Tsai Tong, commenting upon the matter, said that the Government forces are still at war with the Kwangsi insurgents, who are tenaciously holding on to Nanking, and that, therefore, their bases of military operations. So far, he continued, these insurgents have shown no real intention of surrendering to Nanking, and the war must continue.

In conclusion, the Canton Commander-in-Chief said that the Communists in Kwangsi and Hunan have retreated to Nam Kwong and Chang Ning, in southern Kwangsi, but they have not as yet entered Kwangtung, and the northern frontier of Kwangtung is being strengthened in anticipation of a Red invasion. Strong defences are being set up on the outskirts of Nanking and other strategic points leading to Hunan and Kwangsi.

DISPENSER ARRESTED.

MORPHIA SEIZURE IN CAFE.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, a dispenser employed at the Queen's Dispensary, together with two other men and a boy, were charged with the joint possession of six pounds of morphia. All defendants were arrested at the Tin Wah Café on Saturday night.

R.O. A. W. Grinnitt told the Court that some other tins were also seized, but the contents of these were still being analyzed, and until the results of the analyses were known, the men were charged as above stated.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for one of the defendants and entered a plea of not guilty. The rest of the defendants also denied the charge. One of the three men was alleged to be a buyer, and R.O. Grinnitt applied for permission to withdraw the charge against the boy, stating that he would be used as witness for the Crown. This was granted after which the defendants were remanded for a week, bail being allowed in the sum of \$2,500 for each defendant.

CROWN LAND SALES.

VERY GOOD PRICES REALISED.

A large gathering of prospective land and estate owners were present at the Crown Land Office yesterday, when Mr. L. Parker-Rees offered for sale four lots of Crown land.

The main item of the sale was New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1435, which attracted considerable attention, and after some very keen bidding, was sold to Messrs. Der Sing Chai and Li Wan Yu for \$22,500. The upset price was \$20,750. The land has an area of about 19,535 sq. feet and is situated at Shamshuipo. Its annual rental is \$180.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1434, situated at Fuk Wa Street, was sold to Mr. Chao Chai Ping of 123, Wing Lok Street, for \$13,000. The land has an area of 4,367 sq. feet and its annual rental is \$40.

Mr. Lok Wing of 63, Aplui Street, was the purchaser of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2424, which was sold for \$7,000. The land is situated at Tung Choi Street and has an area of 2,170 sq. feet. The annual rental is \$40.

Situated at Stubbs Road, Garden Lot No. 77, with an area of 9,400 sq. feet, produced \$470. Mrs. Cheung Po of 51, Robinson Road, was the buyer, and the annual rental is \$22.

Dr. Selwyn, the new Dean of Winchester, is in the early forties, and therefore youthful for a dean; but he was used to a position of important responsibility when quite a young man, for he became Warden of Radley at twenty-eight. The school increased in size when he was in charge of it, and one of his most important innovations was the introduction of Rugby football. Celebrating with of the new position will remember E. G. Selwyn, of King's, as a frequent speaker at the Union, with a mighty weight of logic about him and a stern disregard of tricks of rhetoric.

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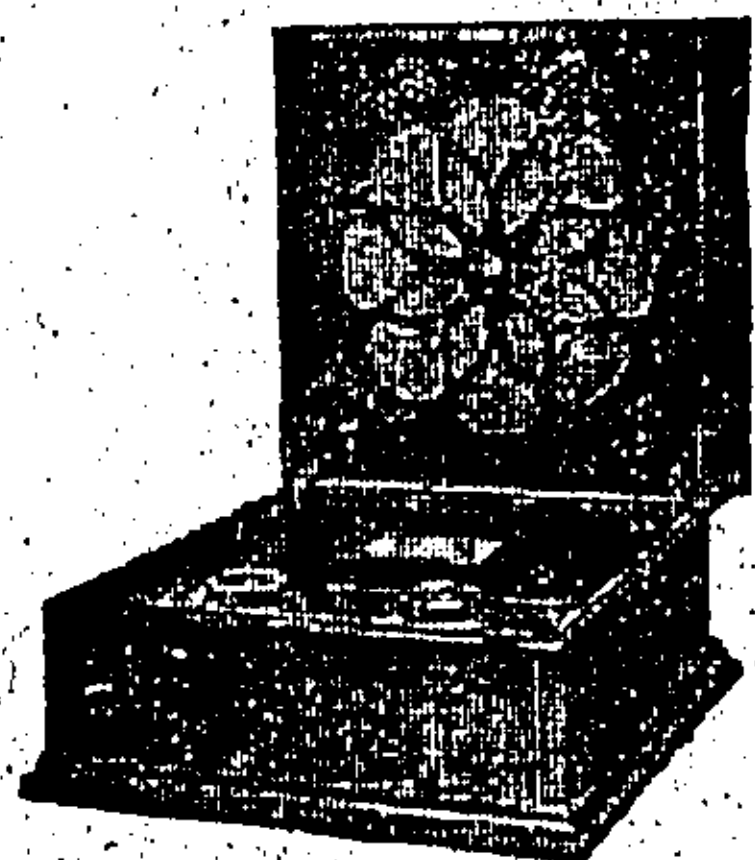
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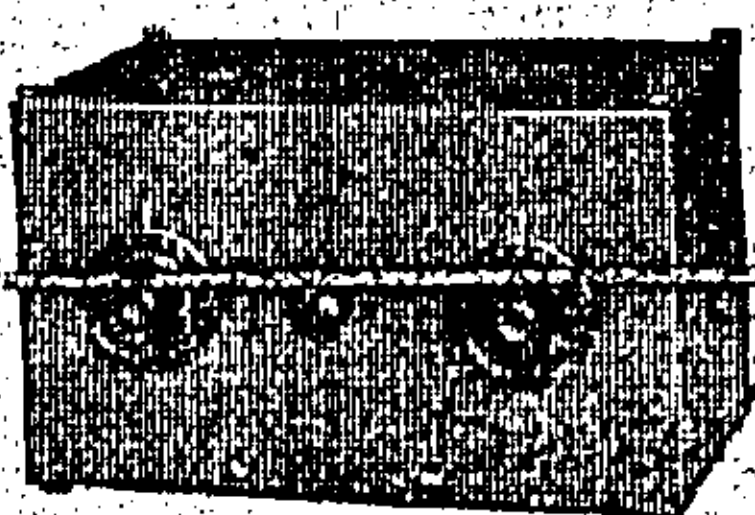


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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

FIRST REPORT OF LOCAL SOCIETY.

QUESTION OF JUVENILE COURTS.

The first annual report of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children states that the first object of the Committee was to raise sufficient funds to admit of the Society engaging the services of an Inspector. The Government contributed a sum of \$3,000 and by the end of April the generous response of those to whom the Society appealed for assistance produced a sum which justified the Committee in engaging an Inspector and equipping an office. In this connection the Committee particularly desires to thank Mr. Wai Shiu Pak for his handsome donation of \$10,000.

Dealing with juvenile offenders, the Committee expresses the view that, though the imprisonment of some few incorrigible juvenile offenders may be inevitable, the imprisonment of youthful offenders in general is wrong in principle.

Juvenile Courts.

The Committee has had under consideration a Bill drafted by Mr. Hazlerigg making provision for the institution of Juvenile Courts, the segregation of youthful offenders before and during trial, the appointment of probation officers charged with the duty of supervising youthful offenders released on probation, and the substitution of custody in a place of detention to be provided under the Bill for imprisonment as now inflicted. The Committee has forwarded this Bill to the Government for consideration.

The total number of cases investigated between August 1 and November 14 was 27. These cases affected the welfare of 27 children and involved 49 offenders or persons advised. In 26 cases parents were advised or warned, and in 11 of these the Inspector arranged for medical treatment, on several occasions accompanying the parents on their taking the children to hospital. No prosecutions were considered necessary.

The Inspector made 63 supervision visits. The Committee, while recognising the danger of indiscriminate relief, has felt it necessary to allocate certain funds in order to make provision for relief in urgent cases where there is dire poverty. Relief will be made in kind and no money given. The problem of obtaining proper medical attention in cases of tuberculosis which require lengthy institutional treatment is one which presents the greatest difficulty.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

EUROPEAN SUMMONED FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. de Warranoff of No. 9, Peak Mansions, was summoned before Mr. H. R. Butters for having driven his motor-car in a negligent manner in Chatham Road on the 17th instant.

Traffic Sergeant Clarke gave evidence that while two buses were passing each other, the defendant cut in between them. There was barely enough room for the three cars to pass and the drivers of both buses had to swerve to the left to avoid a collision.

The defendant admitted having attempted to overtake the bus in front of him, but submitted that he had ample time to do so before the two vehicles could pass each other. The drivers of the two buses corroborated statements made by Sergeant Clarke. Defendant was cautioned by the Magistrate.

For having allowed car No. 432 to be driven by an unlicensed driver, Mr. H. Hubert, of the China Export and Import Bank Co., was fined \$10. The driver of the car, Mrs. Hill, was also fined \$10 for driving without a licence.

In placing the facts before his Worship, Mr. Hubert intimated that Mrs. Hill was the possessor of a licence before she left the Colony, and on the day she returned she asked to be allowed to drive the car for a few hundred yards.

SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO.

SATISFACTORY REPORT PRESENTED.

COMPANY'S FUTURE PROSPECTS.

The eighth ordinary yearly meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922), Ltd., was held yesterday in the head office of the Company, St. George's Building.

The Chairman, Mr. R. G. Sheehan, in the course of his speech to shareholders, said:—

The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1930, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit on working account, without including provision for depreciation amounting to \$27,206.83, is \$24,871.73, and shows an increase of approximately 35 per cent. over that of last year; but I must point out to you that this is in a great measure due to the favourable rates of exchange prevailing during the year, as our earnings are in Straits currency. The increase in the total energy sold was 24,805 units, an increase of approximately 17 per cent., this being primarily due to the gradual increase in the demand from the Water Works.

Good Profit Shown.

The net balance on working account is \$37,574.87. After putting aside \$2,693.04 to sinking fund for replacing the cost of our concession, and charging Managing Agents' commission and Consulting Committee's Directors' and Auditors' fees, there remains after crediting interest, income from investments and scrip fees totalling \$3,136.92, a balance of \$32,539.75, which is transferred to the general profit and loss account as per balance sheet.

This sum of \$32,539.75 has been applied to the reduction of the balance of \$82,591.48 brought forward from last year, leaving now at debit of general profit and loss account a sum of \$50,381.73.

This, I think, Gentlemen, you will admit, is satisfactory, but our manager reports that the general depression in trade all over the world is also affecting Borneo, and we fear we shall feel the effect in reduced earnings this year.

Substantial Cash Reserve.

You will see from the balance sheet that we have built up a very substantial cash reserve, the money being invested in sound local stocks.

Generally, the present outlook for trade is not very good, not only has the Australian market been closed to the timber trade but rubber also, the other main industry, is, as you know, going through a very lean period at present.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented to the meeting, and when that had been seconded shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga seconded, and the report and accounts were carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. A. L. Shields and seconded by Mr. J. Toppin, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. C. A. da Rosa were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each.

The meeting was attended by Mr. R. G. Sheehan (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and S. M. Churn (Directors), Mr. N. Braga (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. I. W. Sheehan, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin, D. W. Munton, J. V. Braga, A. A. Botelho, J. F. Tavares, Tse Tsau Tai and Chan Man Kai.

POLICE INTERPRETER TO APPEAL.

DEFENDING SOLICITOR ON QUESTION OF LAW.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who defended Li Tann Pui, a Police interpreter, who was sentenced to two months' hard labour for attempting to obtain money by false pretences from a licensed hawk, again made a formal application of appeal against the sentence at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Lo submitted that his application was made under section 103 of the Magistrates' Ordinance, and stated that he wanted to hand in a written application for his Worship (Mr. E. H. Williams) to state a case on the question of law. The evidence on which his Worship convicted the defendant had been unimpeached, and he had no direct testimony to confirm the evidence.

The appeal was granted and the defendant would remain on \$750 bail pending the prosecution of the appeal.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO.

INCREASE IN CAPITAL AUTHORISED.

NEW ISSUE OF SHARES.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., held in the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday, a resolution authorising an increase of capital from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, by the issue of 150,000 new shares, was adopted. A further proposal to offer 50,000 of these new shares to the present shareholders, on terms laid down, was also passed.

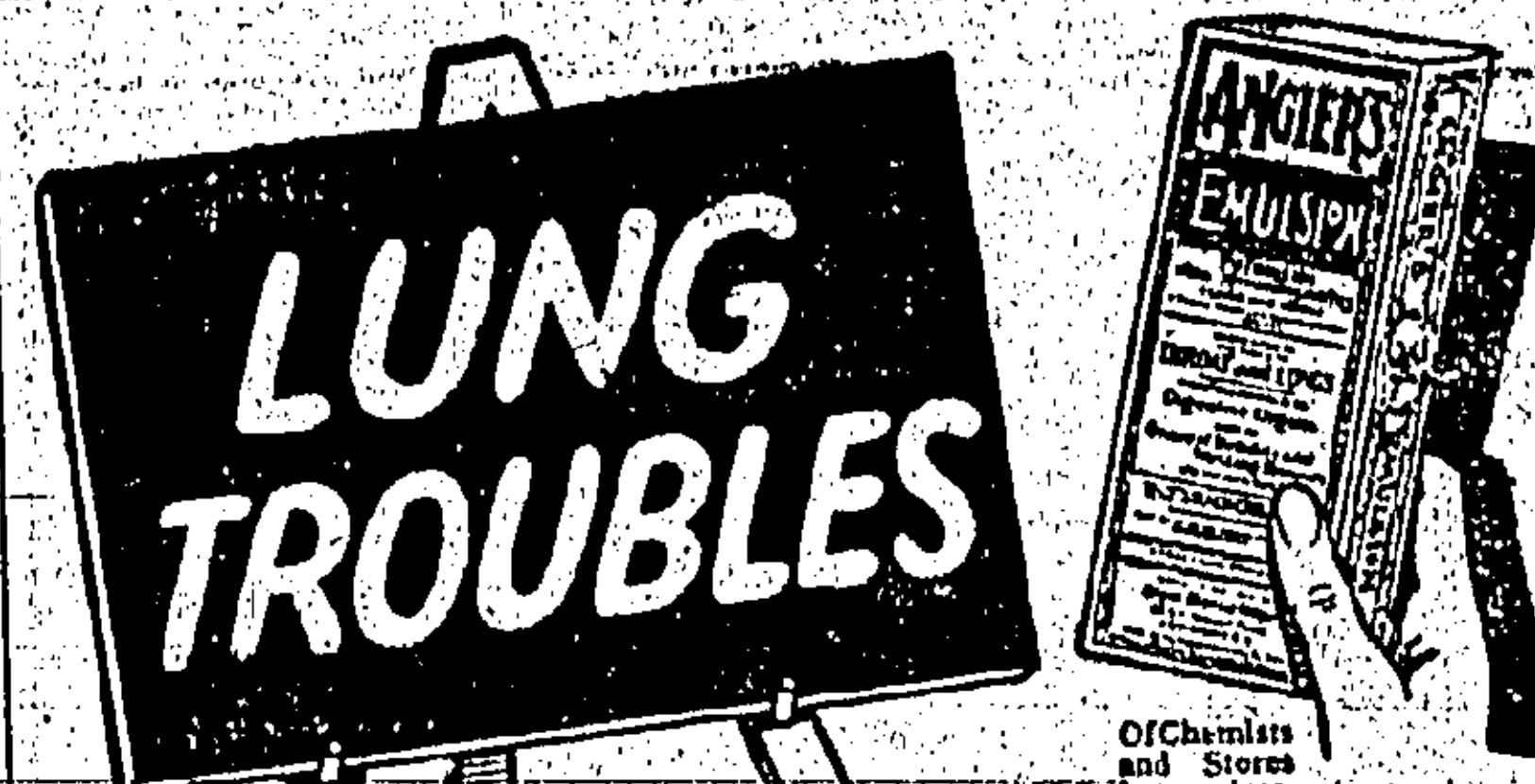
Proposal Explained.

In moving the resolutions, which were seconded by Messrs. J. H. Seth and W. A. Dowley, and passed unanimously the Chairman, Mr. H. Humphreys, said:—Gentlemen, a brief explanation is perhaps necessary as to the reasons which have prompted your Directors to recommend the proposed increase of capital, and the number of shares to be offered to shareholders. The Company's capital was last increased as long ago as 1904 to its present capital of \$1,500,000. There is no doubt that the Company is under-capitalised. We have over 28 lakhs invested in land and buildings, and, in the opinion of your Directors, an increase of capital is not only justified, but necessary. We anticipate no difficulty in maintaining our usual dividend of 8 per cent. on the increased capital.

You will observe from the notice just read out to you that it is proposed to issue at once 50,000 fully-paid up shares out of the 150,000 shares which you are being asked to authorise, and to hold over the remaining 100,000 shares until such time as a further issue of capital may become necessary.

It is further proposed to offer these 50,000 shares to present shareholders in the proportion of one new share to every three old shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share, i.e., at \$12.50 per share and to call up the amount due by April 25, 1931, so that the new issue shares will rank for dividends and other benefits as from May 1, 1931.

Those present at the meeting included the Hon. Mr. G. C. Mackie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alvie and J. H. Taggart (Directors), Mr. M. H. Turner (legal adviser), and Messrs. W. A. Dowley, J. H. Seth, D. E. Clark, J. D. Humphreys, C. Hulmer Johnson, A. P. Samy, D. Wilson, J. A. Tarrant, C. E. R. Divett, A. Forsyth, V. Robson (shareholders) and Mr. J. L. Quize (Secretary).



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SUN YAT SEN
UNIVERSITY.STRIKING STUDENTS
RESUME STUDIES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Dec. 29.

In compliance with the urgent request of the Faculty, the students of Sun Yat Sen University, who have been on strike over the appointment of Mr. Kin Tsang Ching to the presidency for several weeks, resumed their studies for the time being, beginning this afternoon. Their determination to keep the Nanking nominee to the presidency away from the campus, they declared, is still as firm as ever. All the bulletin boards and most of the walls of the University are still plastered with anti-Kin Tsang slogans. In fact, fresh slogans of a decidedly more vehement nature were added this morning, and over the iron gate at the main entrance of the University hangs a huge strip of white cloth on which the following words are written: "We shall resort to iron and blood, if necessary, in our protest against Kin Tsang Ching."

Every means of persuading the students to cancel the strike did submit to Nanking have failed. One member of the Faculty, Prof. Tsang Tai Sun, at a meeting said that the students should be punished for their misconduct, and he was hit on the head and body with stones hurled at him by the angry students. The Professor sustained severe injuries, and he had to take to his heels. The students also stormed the administration building last week, in the belief that Mr. Kin, the newly-appointed president, had arrived. They were surprised when they learned of their mistake, and they smashed open the door leading to the conference room and, after gaining entrance, destroyed the photograph of Mr. Kin which was hanging on the wall.

In the meantime, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek took the matter in hand, authorizing General Chen Ming Shu to deal with the situation as he saw fit. The General, as a regent of the University, has repeatedly urged the students to call off their strike and resume their studies. He went to the University and spoke to them on no less than five occasions, but without success. Meanwhile, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek again cabled instructing General Chen to dissolve the institution and dismiss all the students unless they resumed their class work before December 31.

General Chen called a meeting of the members of the Faculty at the University yesterday afternoon and laid the matter before them. He said he disliked to use force, which he was empowered to do, and he again urged the Faculty members to exert their influence in persuading the students to attend classes. It was pointed out to the students that the position was critical, and that unless the students resume their class-room work before the end of the year, the University will be dissolved according to the order of Nanking.

No members of the Faculty desired the dissolution of such an educational institution of higher learning, and a motion was passed shortly after General Chen had left the room to the effect that the University Faculty, in urging the students to resume their class work, at once undertakes to guarantee that no serious changes will arise in the administration of the University before the arrival of Dr. Tai Chi Tau, President of the Examination Yuan of the Nanking Government and formerly President of the University. If such changes should occur the members of the Faculty, it is true to their pledge to the students, will resign en bloc.

This is taken to mean that if Mr. Kin Tsang Ching should come to the University and assume the presidency prior to the arrival of Dr. Tai Chi Tau, the professors will resign en bloc. It is also probable that the newly-appointed president will take up the portfolio before the arrival of Dr. Tai, who is expected to reach Canton with Mr. Sun Fo sometime during the early part of next month.

VICTORIA GAOL
CONDITIONS.H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S
STATEMENT IN COUNCIL.DISCIPLINE, NOT DIET, THE
REAL PROBLEM.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, referred to the recent strike in the Victoria Gaol and said that any saving on the Subsistence Vote did not connote any reduction in the quality or quantity of regulation diet.

His Excellency went on to say that he had no reason to believe that the Government's confidence in the Superintendent of the Gaol and his staff had been misplaced, but he was prepared to have the whole administration reviewed. He proposed to await the report of the Retrenchment Committee before considering further the question of the appointment of a committee to review the general administration.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

After the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax had proposed the motion to adopt the report of the Finance Committee dated December 22, H.E. the Governor said:—

As the financial provision asked for was agreed to at the meeting of the Finance Committee on December 22, there seems to be no need for further discussion in this Council. It appears, however, that certain questions were asked in Committee, bearing on prison diets, more particularly in relation to the recent unfortunate strike in the gaol, which tend to create the impression that there has been a reduction in the quality or quantity of the regulation diet.

I take this opportunity of saying that any saving on the Subsistence Vote does not connote any such reduction. It must be quite well known that, in forming an estimate for such a service for the ensuing year, it is impossible to estimate requirements accurately. In the first place, at the time the estimates are drawn up, it is not known what the contract rate per diet will be, and in the second place the Government, of course, can not possibly be aware beforehand of the number of prisoners that will have to be fed. These factors may result in either a saving or an excess of expenditure.

No Diet Reduction.

This year there happens to have been a saving. I now give the definite assurance that there has been no reduction in quantity or quality of individual diets, and that in fact any change has been in the direction of an increase. The diets which were in force in the early part of this year have been in force for many years, and have stood the test of time.

As, however, it is 25 years old at least, the Government recently decided to appoint a Committee to review the whole scale, and this Committee has submitted a report which has been considered by the Executive Council.

The report recommends very large increases, and the Executive Council was not satisfied that they were entirely justified, and the recommendations have been referred back to the Committee for further investigations.

Certain alterations have been allowed in the meantime, but the real problem is not one of dietary but of maintenance of discipline among the prisoners.

Outside Influences.

It is considered not unlikely that the recent unrest in the gaol is largely attributable to outside influences, which, in the absence of facilities for segregation, can penetrate to the convicts through the medium of the short sentences prisoners, and in my opinion the question of diets has merely been made the excuse for causing trouble among the prisoners generally.

I am given to understand that in some quarters the satisfactory administration of the gaol has been called in question. I have no reason to believe that the Government's confidence in the Superintendent and his staff is misplaced, but I am fully prepared to have the whole administration reviewed. Such a review is, in fact, now in hand from one important angle in the Commission, and their enquiries in the interests of economy can hardly fail to direct attention to existing weaknesses, if indeed such exist, in the general administration.

(Continued on next Column.)

WANCHAI SHOOTING
AFFRAY.PORTUGUESE WOMAN ON
SERIOUS CHARGE.MR. MANTON'S CONDITION
UNCHANGED.

The shooting affray at Wanchai on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. A. J. Manton of the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., was wounded, had its sequel at Central Magistracy yesterday when Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the attempted murder of Mr. Manton at 416, Lockhart Road, by firing at him with a revolver.

Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy was in charge of the case.

After explaining the charge to the woman, the Magistrate said:—"The man whom you are alleged to have shot will be in hospital for another two weeks, so you are remanded in custody till this day week, January 5, at 10 a.m."

The Shooting.

It will be remembered that the incident occurred at 416, Lockhart Road, at about 1 p.m., on Saturday. Mrs. Xavier is alleged to have fired three shots at Mr. Manton, two bullets entering his back and one his arm. After he was shot, Mr. Manton managed to go to the No. 2 Police Station where he reported the matter. He was afterwards removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he has been lying since. Enquiries made at the hospital yesterday elicited the news that the patient was "in very much the same condition. He has had one bullet removed from his back."

It was stated that Mrs. Xavier acted as house-keeper for Mr. Manton and another European who shared the same flat. The Police are very glib as regards the affair, but it is understood that Mr. Manton was about to give up his flat and this might have led to a misunderstanding.

Gaol Buildings.

I propose to await the completion of their enquiries, before considering further the appointment of a Committee to review the general administration. The opinion may safely be hazarded that the criticisms of such a Committee would centre largely on the inadequate and unsatisfactory nature of the gaol buildings, a matter to which I am giving anxious and urgent consideration, my settled conviction being that the whole establishment must be moved to buildings of a more modern design in more satisfactory surroundings. I propose to press on to this end with the utmost expedition at my command.

I may say that the latest reports indicate that conditions in the gaol have more or less returned to normal.

Motion Adopted.

The motion proposed by the Colonial Secretary was then seconded and unanimously adopted.

H.E. the Governor then added: As this is the last meeting of the Council this year, I take the opportunity of thanking the hon. members, and those who have acted temporarily on this Council during the year, very sincerely for all the advice and help that they have given to this Government, and especially to myself, since I assumed office in Hong Kong, and I offer you my best wishes for the forthcoming year, which I sincerely trust will bring back a revival of prosperity to this Colony. The Council stands adjourned sine die.

There were present:—

H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. A. E. Wood, Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, O.B.E. (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Inspector-General of Police), Hon. Commander G. F. Hold, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master), Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Kt., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. C. S. Mackie, Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Hon. Dr. T'so Sen Wan, O.B.E., LL.D., Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson and Mr. N. C. Smith (Deputy Clerk of Council).

ARSON TRIAL AT
SESSIONS.FATHER AND SON AMONG
THE ACCUSED.ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO
DEFRAUD.

Allegations of an attempt to set fire to a building in order to defraud insurance companies were made when the trial opened at the Criminal Sessions yesterday of three men, including a father and his son. The trial was before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury comprising Messrs. J. L. McPherson (foreman), S. Gidley, James Sloan, F. Wilkinson, H. J. Howard, Louis Kai Hing and Ip Fook Ling.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, appearing for the Crown, stated that the premises had been preserved exactly as found, with festoons of shavings and palm leaves, spread out for the purpose of burning the place down.

Three Charges.

The accused men are Li Sui Ping (alias Li Yau), Li Yuen and Yeung Fu, the first count being that at about midnight on October 18, 1930, they unlawfully and maliciously attempted to set fire to No. 77, Wing Lok Street. The second count alleges conspiracy to defraud or injure, while the third count charges them with setting fire to a bed in such circumstances that had the building been set on fire it would have amounted to a felony.

The first and second accused are defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, of Messrs. Deacons. The third accused is not legally represented.

An objection was raised by Mr. Jenkin when the name of Watt Lun was called for the jury. His Lordship allowed the juror to stand down and said that he wanted it to be clearly understood that the objection was, in no way, a reflection on Watt Lun's name. He would be asked to serve on a future date at the Sessions.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said that three persons, of whom the second accused was one, interviewed the owner of the premises on July 8 and they took the whole house. As soon as they took possession they set to work to prepare for the fire. A staircase on the ground floor was pulled down and altered. Cubicles and cocklofts were erected on the premises.

They obtained insurance on the premises and stock-in-trade with two companies to the value of \$31,000—the larger part of which was the stock-in-trade, which consisted of Chinese medicines.

Petrol and Palm Leaves.

Counsel went on to say that the accused secured other premises at 63, Connaught Road West, first accused taking it over, and described other incidents which he said went to show that the new place was to be used as a "bolt hole" when No. 77 burnt down. Fifteen bales of palm leaves, petrol and kerosene were distributed about the place in jars were found. Counsel also exhibited some samples of the palm leaves and a camp bed burnt at one end.

Describing what took place about midnight, Mr. Fitzroy said that a policeman rushed to the house on hearing a whistle blown by a man in the street. The policeman succeeded in smothering the flames with a blanket which he found on the camp bed. While this was going on the third accused was seen in the street with account books under his arm in company with another man. They were chased, but only accused was caught.

The plan failed because there was a gap left in the chain of inflammation of flames and adjoining houses would have been in serious danger. Counsel explained that the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade

had expressed his opinion that in a matter of a few minutes the premises would have been a seething mass of flames and adjoining houses would have been in serious danger. (Continued at foot of next column.)

DUTIABLE LIQUOR.

SUBSTITUTION OF SPIRIT
ALLEGED.WINESHOP LICENCEE
CHARGED.

Lam Chong, licensee of the Mow Yuen, Chinese wine and spirit shop, 12, Gillies Avenue, Hak Un Kei, was yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, charged with having in his possession dutiable liquor, namely, 59 jars of Chinese spirit in Praya West on December 13.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, is prosecuting, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo is conducting the defence.

Mr. Lloyd said that at the request of the Tia-Wo distillery, Revenue Officer Trengrove paid a visit on December 10 and examined 59 jars of spirit, which were contained in three kongs, and issued a pass. He then took a sample of spirit from each of the three kongs. The jars were then delivered to the defendant. Subsequently, as would be proved by witnesses, on December 13 the same jars were examined by Mr. A. Taylor, and the spirit was found to be of a totally different strength.

Revenue Officer's Evidence.

Revenue Officer Ward said that on December 12 he was in a motor-launch patrolling close to Green Island, when he saw a fishing junk heading towards the harbour. He boarded her and found on board 59 jars of Chinese spirit. He examined the labels and numbers on the jars, and found that the labels were badly worn. He allowed the vessel to proceed on its way in order to observe where it was going. After passing round Green Island he returned to the same place and found the boat was gone.

Suspicions Aroused.

That evening he returned to the Imports and Exports Office and found that a Chinese revenue officer had in the afternoon noticed some jars in a fishing junk in the harbour. His suspicions were aroused by the state of the labels on the jars, and he had taken them to the office for examination.

Mr. J. A. Taylor, giving evidence, said that he had examined the labels on the jars, and had come to the conclusion that they had been used a second time.

He analysed the contents of the jars and found that the spirit was of a totally different quality from the original.

The spirit was in fact composed of a small amount of rice spirit and a large amount of neutral spirit. The case was remanded until Saturday, the defendant being granted \$500 bail.

Identification Difficulty.

The owner of the premises, who was called as a witness, said that three men called on him to rent the house. After a close look at the prisoners, witness said that he thought the second accused was one of the men. Later, in answer to his Lordship, witness said he was sure on this point. Witness also described alterations done to the premises without his permission.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that he attended an identification parade, but he could not recognize the second accused on that occasion. He explained that quite a number of men were lined up and he was puzzled at the time.

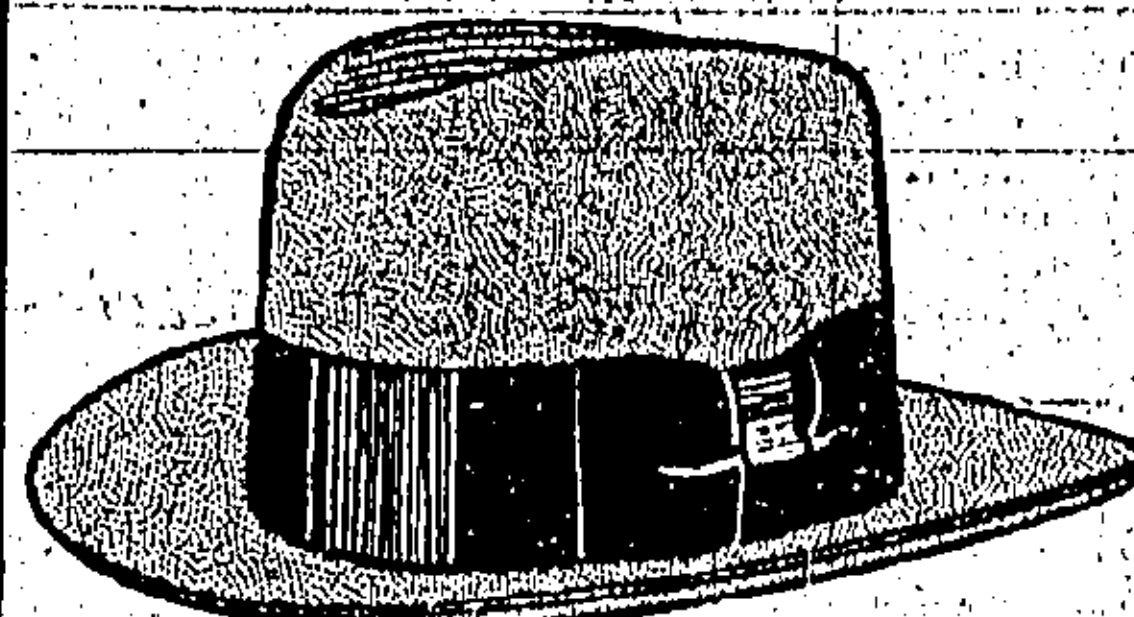
Another witness called said that he had visited 77, Wing Lok Street, twice, in order to obtain his living expenses from the first accused, who was the owner of a small boat anchored at Shamshui of which witness was the boatman. On those visits there were a number of other people in the place.

In cross-examination, witness said he was aware that the first accused was the master of a business in

At the close of this evidence, his Lordship arranged for the jury to visit the premises during the afternoon. The trial will be resumed at 10.30 this morning.

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Those wishing to become Members will be welcome and are requested to sign a List that will be at the Door.

[10199]

NOTICE.

From the 3rd INSTANT Our Office will be Located on the 7th FLOOR of CHINA BUILDING. HONGKONG AMERICAN TRADING CO. December 30th, 1930. [10301]

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NEW YEAR'S DAY POINT-TO-POINT MEET at POTTS' BUNGALOW at 3 P.M. [10300]

NOTICE.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, 1st of JANUARY, 1931 (NEW YEAR'S DAY). Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1930. [10294]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, BRITISH SECTION.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that On and From the 1st JANUARY, 1931, All Local and Joint Sectional Fares on This Railway will be Revised. The NEW SCALE OF FARES may be seen at any Local Railway Station.

By Order, ROBERT BAKER, Manager and Chief Engineer. Kowloon, 29th Dec., 1930. [10293]

UNION WATER BOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1930, until the 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 1931, inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated this 24th day of Dec., 1930. Per Pro, DODWELL & CO., LTD. Ed. J. P. WAREEN, Manager, General Managers. [10291]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

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THE Company having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 4% (Four Per Cent) Free of Income Tax for the Year ending 30th JUNE, 1930, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares will be paid their Dividend on presenting No. 88 Coupon of the Bearer Shares and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares to any one of the following Banks—

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A MEETING OF GRADUATES will be held in the GREAT HALL of the UNIVERSITY at 5.15 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 14th JANUARY, 1931. The purpose of the Meeting, over which the Hon. FOO PING SHEUNG has consented to preside, is to consider the FORMATION of a HONG KONG UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ASSOCIATION. The VICE-CHANCELLOR will be "AT HOME" in the GREAT HALL From 4.15 to 5.15 P.M.

STANLEY V. BOXER, Acting Registrar. 23rd December, 1930. [10292]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over S.E. Mongolia has increased in intensity. The V-shaped depression is moving eastward and is now central to the south of Tokyo. The monsoon will freshen along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N. winds, freshening; fine at first; cloudy later.

DEATH.

SILVA.—On December 29, 1930, at 12.30 a.m., at 17, Jordan Road, Kowloon, Mrs. FILOMENA FORREZA DA SILVA, aged 88 years. (Shanghai, Macao and Manila papers please copy). [741]

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"THE UTMOST EXPEDITION"

It is the "settled conviction" of H.E. the GOVERNOR "that the whole establishment (i.e., Victoria Gaol) must be moved to buildings of a more modern design in more satisfactory surroundings." His EXCELLENCY concluded his remarks on this subject at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council by saying that he proposed to "press on to this end with the utmost expedition at my command." Sir WILLIAM PEARCE's speech, in fact, bears out the main criticism levelled at the prison administration of the Colony. It is not disputed that Victoria Gaol is too small for its purpose and that its surroundings are most unsuitable. The convicts are able to keep some sort of touch with the outside world, segregation is difficult, and short sentence men make easy contact with the prisoners in for long terms of punishment. A serious stabbing affair and a gaol strike within the space of a month are expressions of the present state of affairs. The misapprehension created by the fact that there had been a saving on the vote for "Prisoners' Subsistence" was finally cleared up by His EXCELLENCY. The original estimate could only be an approximation and this year is proved rather wide of the mark. The matter of the gaol diet is still under consideration, as the scale suggested by a recent committee showed a startling advance on the rations which have stood the test of twenty-five years.

His EXCELLENCY has full confidence in the present staff of the gaol, but he expressed his willingness to consider the appointment of a committee to review "the whole administration." The "Retrenchment Committee are examining the prison régime, but from their own angle. Their recommendations will only refer to possible economies. That will cover a lot of the ground, but it is to be hoped that the wider investigation will be made, and that among other things a code of regulations will be put in force under which the officers of the prison will be safeguarded from the accusations brought against them before the judges and magistrates. Regular visits are paid to the prison by official and unofficial Justices of the Peace, but some strengthening of the machinery for the hearing and investigation of complaints would not be amiss. Another detail on which light could be shed is the arrangement for European prisoners.

The last people to approve of the erection of a more modern prison will be the inmates themselves. In England of rather over a century ago the criminal classes greatly disapproved of the clean and severe institutions brought about by the

prison philanthropist. They much preferred the cheerful disorder and corruption of the old Newgate Gaol. No doubt the modern Chinese malefactor holds similar

views, and though Victoria Gaol may have its disadvantages one isn't shut off from street noises and contact with one's fellows, and if you do get out of this there is always a sporting chance—hundreds of tenement houses are near at hand for inconspicuous refuge! There is no fear of a new prison becoming popular, even if a little more rice is allowed per diem. The change cannot be made in a hurry, but it is good to know that His EXCELLENCY believes in "the utmost expedition."

WHEN CHINA WAS AWAKENING.

A REVISED edition has been published of Mr. PAUL KING's fascinating volume "In the Chinese Customs Service," which was first produced by Messrs. T. Fisher Unwin in 1924. It is a personal record of forty-seven years in China, covering a period that began well back in the Imperial days and ended with China in the throes of civil war and, apparently, hopeless disorder. Mr. KING was first appointed to Swatow in 1874, and draws a very vivid picture of the social life there and in Kiukiang, whence he had been transferred on account of "the exigencies of the Service necessitating," a favourite euphemism of the Inspector-General, Sir ROBERT HART. Kiukiang in the late 'seventies was still a tea-port, and among the tasters who paid annual visits were ARCHIBALD LITTLE and H. T. WADE, the "Father" of Shanghai cricket. After a brief spell at Chefoo, where Mr. KING met "Chinese Gordon," the author was transferred to the London office, at that time in charge of Mr. JAMES DUNCAN CAMPBELL, who held the post of Non-Resident Secretary continuously from 1874 until his death in 1907. The author "had the good luck" to serve two terms with him as his Chief, and eventually "sat in his chair" during the troublous years from 1914 to 1920, immediately prior to his retirement.

In 1893 Mr. KING was transferred to Shanghai. Here he introduced the boxing-ring to the gymnasium, and mention is made of CHARLIE HOLLIDAY, the Shanghai champion, and Gordon of the Rosetta, known in the fleet as the "P. & O. slogger." From thence he went to Tientsin as Senior Assistant to Commissioner GUSTAV DETRING, "a man to whom the Tientsin community should have erected a statue." In 1900 he was appointed Commissioner at Canton. The author's two terms of service in the South provide the material for his most interesting reminiscences. At this time the "Boxer" activities in Shantung were causing great anxiety to Li HUNG CHANG, Viceroy at Canton. During the rising the author was intimately connected with the Viceroy, and gives a very full account of the efforts made to prevent trouble in the North. "In the eyes of his countrymen Li HUNG CHANG was the man of the hour, and the only one who could save China." The second term of service at Canton was of particular importance. Canton in 1907 was a very different proposition from 1900, and unrest and piracy were threatening to call for foreign intervention. The seizure of the Tatsu Maru II, and the extraordinary action of Sir ROBERT HART is fully described. In discussing the great Inspector-General, the author has a good deal of criticism to make. "His real opinions remain a mystery. Those who knew him best—and this is saying very little, because no one really knew him—were very much in his own position when he said, 'The more I know of China, the less I seem to know.'" Mr. KING knew China, and particularly the Treaty ports, in the "good old days." In his foreword he quotes the Arabian saying, "The camel-driver has his opinions—and the camel has his!" The opinions of the author are very definite, and he sets them down without fear or favour.

"IN THE CHINESE CUSTOMS SERVICE" A Personal Record of Forty-Seven Years. By Paul KING. Heath Cranton, London.

★ News and Views ★

Albino Partridge Shot.

In a shooting expedition in the north of Transdanubia a completely white partridge was bagged. It had been living with a covey of ordinary brown birds.

Boys Who Gained In Weight.

An experiment in feeding Scottish school children has had astonishing results, according to Mr. Tom Johnston, Under-Secretary for Scotland. Boys of 11 who were fed with 2 pint of milk daily for four months increased in weight by 12½ oz. a week—double the normal.

Brides Must Be Punctual.

In Paris war has been declared on brides who arrive late for their weddings. Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, has instructed all priests to wait the bride for 15 minutes, and then to go on with the nuptial Mass, whether the bride is present or not. Cardinal Verdier says: "Marriage is a sacred institution, into which one must go well prepared. It is not a fashion show."

Steam Press for a Prince.

To ensure that his clothes will be properly pressed in the London manner, the Prince of Bhopal, who is at present in London, is contemplating installing a steam press in his Indian palace. Two of his native valets are taking lessons in the art of steam pressing at the Duke-street shop of a firm of cleaners. They are being instructed by an operator who spent nine years in the East and speaks Hindustani.

Great Contract for English Firm.

Messrs. Crompton, Parkinson, Ltd., the great electrical engineering company, of Guiseley, have secured an order for more than 1,600 electrical motors from Ford (England), Ltd. The order is one of the largest of its kind ever placed in England. The motors will be used in the Ford works at Dagenham, Essex, and it is hoped that the work will keep hundreds of men in steady employment throughout the winter.

ROUNDEL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE'S OAK.

I stand, as I, for centuries, have stood,
And watch the evolution of the Land.
From out the serried monarchs of the wood,
And sturdier than them all,
I stand.
At me, the woodman stays destructive hand;
For mine it was to shelter 'neath my head
The great Augustine and his priestly band.
And now I pray that all men true and good
Obey the only Master's high Command,
And sink their differences in Severn flood;
For union of warring creeds I stand.
JOHN WILLIAMS.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The 9 p.m. time signals by lamps on the Observatory Radio Mast, will be repeated at midnight on December 31. The last signal will indicate the close of the year 1930.

Mr. C. Dalziel, residing at No. 6, Armand Buildings, has reported to the police that his B.S.A. bicycle valued at \$85 was stolen on Sunday while it was left outside the house.

Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday fired January 5, at 10.30 a.m. for hearing of the Felix Villas murder case. It is understood that Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy will prosecute for the Crown.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 13 amounted to 130,709 tons, and the sales during the period to 109,772 tons.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Ernest Richard Alexander Zimmermann, residing at Jordan House, Kowloon, to Miss Mary Bernice Ahwee, of Carpe Diem, Kowloon City.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. H. S. Rouse to the effect that a silver ring, valued at \$45, was stolen from the dressing table at his residence at No. 2, Chatham Road, on Sunday.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday by R.M.S. Empress of Russia were Mr. P. A. Cox, of the J.P.R., and Mr. Geo. Hogg, manager of the National City Bank of New York in Shanghai.

According to the Chinese Press, Mrs. Wang Ching Wei has arrived in the Colony from North China and has taken up her residence at Kowloon Tong. Mr. Wang is expected to arrive before long.

Learn to Run a Teashop.

There is very little the L.C.C. Education Department is not prepared to teach the Londoner and its latest offer of instruction is made to the girl to whom the office and typewriter do not appeal. Why not run a tea shop? says the L.C.C. Education Department; we will teach you how. The courses in tea-shop and restaurant management, the only one of its kind, is on the syllabus of the Girls' Trade School at Clapham just opened. It is a one-year course which includes practical work, book-keeping and arithmetic, physical training—because a tea shop girl must be physically fit and hold herself well and attractively—and French, because, presumably, there is always French on the best menus!

Adonis.

Mr. Thomas Chadbourne, the famous American millionaire lawyer, now in Europe in connection with a sugar conference is described as the handsomest man in America. The handsomest man in the British Army was long considered to be Colonel Eben Pike, of the Grenadier Guards, and as regards the Navy, Lord Beatty would win plenty of support. If he is not the handsomest man in England it is a long time since we have had a better-looking Prime Minister than Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. A list of England's "possibles" would include Lord Cholmondeley, "Bunny" Austin, the lawn tennis player, James Pryde, the artist, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Selson, Sir John Martin Harvey and the Bishop of St. Albans.

The Aldine Trust Company, with resources amounting to £1,800,000, closed its doors yesterday. Page 9.

The British motor-ship Eleanor Joan, a sister-ship of the Audrey B., which was captured by American coastguards last week, has been captured by coastguards. The vessel is alleged to have \$170,000 worth of liquor on board. Page 9.

The National Government issued a mandate officially promulgating the 1931 Import Tariff Schedule, but the date of its enforcement is not mentioned. Another Mandate giving further particulars is expected to be issued at any moment. Page 9.

The London Daily Mail gives prominence to a statement by Dr. Elliot Smith that the fossilised skull of the "Peking Man," recently discovered at Choukoutien, undoubtedly represents the "most primitive type of human being ever discovered." Page 9.

Two Russians were sentenced to four months' imprisonment and fined \$1,000 each for conducting a public gaming house at Shanghai, and their nine Russian assistants were sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined \$100 each. There were fearful scenes at the close of the trial. Page 9.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

Three men are on trial at the Sessions on charges alleging attempted arson at Wing Lok Street. Page 7.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier was charged with the attempted murder of Mr. Alfred Joseph Marston. Page 7.

Mr. M. K. Lo made an application of appeal on behalf of a Chinese interpreter who was convicted for obtaining money by false pretences. Page 6.

The eighth ordinary yearly meeting of the Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1929), Ltd., was held at the Company's Head Office at St. George's Building yesterday. Page 6.

The Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at its extraordinary general meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution to increase its capital. Page 6.

Three men were charged before the Central Magistrate with the unlawful possession of a quantity of morphia. They were arrested in a Chinese restaurant with the co-trader in their possession, and after hearing the opening for the prosecution, the defendants were remanded for a week. Page 5.

Shipping Intelligence. Page 16. To-day's wireless programme. Page 4.

Sport.

Triangular Cricket Tournament. Army & Navy first day's scores and comments by R. Albit. Page 10. Junior Cricket Notes by "L.B.W." will be found on page 10.

The team to represent the South Africans in their second Test match against the English XI, has been selected. Page 9.

Latest Cables.

The death occurred yesterday of Professor Macdonnell, the eminent Sanskrit scholar and Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit at Oxford. Page 9.

The doctor attending Marshal Joffre states that little hope can be held out for the recovery of the distinguished French soldier. Page 9.

An injunction has been granted against the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Youngstown Steel Sheet and Tube Company merger. Page 9.

Mr. S. Fessenden, Director-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, urges the restoration of the cat o' nine-tails as a punishment for Chinese criminals. Page 9.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in the course of a sermon preached on Sunday, emphasised the need for sacrifice in face of one of the most serious ordeals with which the Empire has ever been faced. Page 9. (Continued on previous column.)

One death from typhoid, one from small-pox and one from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported for the five days ended December 29.

The local office of the Imperial Chemical Industries (China), Ltd., will be closed at noon to-day as a mark of respect of the late Lord Melchett.

Looking Back 25 Years.

On Boxing Day the Hong Kong Police Cricket Club was entertained by the Kowloon C.C. An all-day match had been arranged but owing to the condition of the ground this was found impracticable and an adjournment was made to the Kowloon Hotel. Here a billiard tournament was played during the afternoon between six men representing each side. A game of 100 up each was played, and it was found at the close that the police were victorious by 71 points. At the subsequent proceedings Dr. Swan proposed the health of the Hong Kong Police C.C., and Inspector Langley responded. Hong Kong Daily Press, December 22, 1905.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The following telegram has been received by Messrs. Kwok Aheong & Sons:—"Bombay burnt. Woonung. Nothing saved." The steamer Bombay, formerly belonging to the P. & O. Company, was purchased from them by the late Mr. Kwok Aheong and has for some years past been engaged in the coast trade, principally between this port and Swatow. Lately she has been running between here and Shanghai. On Boxing Day she was burnt on the 25th instant. The telegram was received at 10 a.m. on that date. No further particulars have yet come to hand. Hong Kong Daily Press, December 23, 1900.

**CHINA'S IMPORT
TARIFF SCHEDULE.****OFFICIALLY PROMULGATED
BY MANDATE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 29.

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Another Mandate giving further particulars is expected to be issued at any moment.

**BRITISH ECONOMIC
MISSION.****ENTERTAINED AT TIENTSIN.**

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29.

The members of the British Trade Mission to the Far East were entertained at a dinner by the General Chamber of Commerce and the Bankers' Association this evening.

**PORTUGUESE MINISTER
PRESENTS CREDENTIALS.**

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

PEIPING, Dec. 28.

The Portuguese Minister, accompanied by the Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires, has departed from Nanking to present his credentials.

MARSHAL JOFFRE.**HIS MAJESTY'S REGRET.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUOBY, Dec. 28.

Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador in Paris, has been asked by the King to follow the progress of Marshal Joffre, who is lying seriously ill, and to express the King's regret.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Little Hope of Recovery.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

The doctor attending Marshal Joffre stated this morning that there is little hope of his lasting until to-morrow.

**BRITAIN'S ROAD TRAFFIC
ACT.****ROAD PATROLS TO REGULATE
SPEED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUOBY, Dec. 28.

The provisions of the new Road Traffic Act abolishing the speed limit and establishing a compulsory third-party insurance, comes into force on Thursday next.

To deal with an offence such as dangerous driving and the neglect of signals, a special force of police mounted on motor bicycles and fast cars is being organised.

A thousand patrols are expected to be in service by January 1, and about 300 will be on the roads in the London district to-morrow.

**AMERICAN STEEL
MERGER.****INJUNCTION GRANTED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

YOUNGSTOWN (Ohio), Dec. 29.

An injunction has been granted against the Bethlehem and Youngstown Steel Sheet and Tube merger. The Youngstown Steel Sheet and Tube Company was one of the last independent steel companies in the United States. Its shareholders are now suing to prevent the merger with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation last April, after one of the most spectacular financial fights of recent years. The merger represented a capital amounting to £200,000,000.

**"PEIPING MAN"
DISCOVERY.****MOST PRIMITIVE TYPE
EVER FOUND.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Daily Mail gives prominence to a statement by Mr. G. Elliot Smith on his return from China that the fossilised skull of the "Peiping Man," recently discovered at Choukoutien, undoubtedly represents the "most primitive type of human being ever discovered."

**LATE LORD
MELCHETT.****FIELD-MARSHAL OF
BRITISH INDUSTRY.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, Dec. 29.

The newspapers, in recording the death of Lord Melchett yesterday afternoon, print long tributes.

The Sunday Times describes him as the Field-Marshal of industry, and the Observer refers to the loss of an inspiring impulse in scientific industry and of a man of the highest intellectual ability.

Late yesterday, Lady Melchett received a telegram of sympathy from the King and Queen, in the course of which the King said:

"I fully recognise how constantly he devoted his energies to the improvement of the industrial life of the country."

Lord Melchett, who was only sixty-two, was an advocate of rationalisation and the architect of the great combine, the Imperial Chemical Industries, of which he was Chairman. He was the Chairman of a dozen other companies and held nearly 30 directorates altogether.

He was a member of Parliament from 1903 to 1922, when he was raised to the peerage.

He was President of the World Power Conference in 1928.

A bye-election is necessitated by his death, as his heir, the Hon. Henry Mond, is the Conservative member for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool.

Lord Melchett was an ardent supporter of the Zionist movement, and for the past ten years was in close touch with the Zionist Executive.

**PRINCE GEORGE IN A
HUNTING MISHAP.****THROWN WHEN OUT WITH
BELVOIR HOUNDS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUOBY, Dec. 28.

Prince George, who was thrown when out yesterday with the Belvoir Hounds, and suffered an injury to the muscles of the left shoulder, passed a fairly comfortable night.

His progress is satisfactory, but it will be some days before he can use his arm, and in order to give it more rest he did not return to Sandringham to-day as expected.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.**JOINS ROYAL PARENTS AT
SANDRINGHAM.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUOBY, Dec. 28.

The Duke of Gloucester, who left England in October to attend the coronation of the Emperor of Abyssinia, reached Victoria yesterday afternoon.

He proceeds to Sandringham to join the King and Queen to-day.

**EMPIRE'S NEED FOR
SACRIFICE.****SIGNIFICANT SERMON BY
ARCHBISHOP.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The need for sacrifice in face of one of the most serious ordeals with which the Empire has ever been faced was emphasised in a sermon last night by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**CHINA AND CABLE
COMPANIES.****POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO
SEIZE LANDINGS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Daily Herald this morning gives much prominence to a sensational despatch from its Shanghai correspondent, alleging a serious crisis in regard to the renewal of contracts between the Nanking Government and the foreign cable companies.

The message hints at the possibility of a Chinese attempt to seize the cable landings.

**MERAPI VOLCANO
ERUPTION.****DEATH-ROLL EXCEEDS ONE
THOUSAND.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Dec. 29.

The death-roll arising from the eruption of Merapi is now estimated at 1,300, the figure including hundreds of natives who are missing.

The volcano is still pouring out lava, but there is no danger of further casualties, as the whole of the area has been evacuated.

**BRUSSELS SUGAR
CONFERENCE.****GERMANY'S DEMAND CAUSES
DEADLOCK.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.

Dr. Rabbethge, the leader of the German delegation at the Brussels Sugar Conference, has informed Mr. Chadbourne that the German sugar industry must stand by its demand for an export quota of 450,000 tons for the first year and 350,000 tons for each of the following four years.

**ITALIAN TRANS-ATLANTIC
FLIGHT.****SQUADRON HELD UP AT
BALOMA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RABAT, Dec. 28.

General Balbo's seaplanes encountered a hailstorm near Baloma in Portuguese Guinea, where they are now held up.

New propellers have been asked for, and a commercial plane left Casablanca yesterday carrying a mechanic and seven propellers.

The machine was forced to land in the Sahara, and a second plane from Agadir brought back the crew of the first plane to Agadir.

**SERIOUS DISORDERS
IN BURMA.****REBELS PERPETRATING
BRUTAL OUTRAGES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUOBY, Dec. 29.

The Commissioner's report on the outbreak states: "The facts of the outbreak are as follows:—The rebels come from the villages south-west of Tharrawaddy and north-east of Insein. The advance started without any attempts to represent their grievances. The rebels committed brutal outrages; murdering native officers, Europeans and private persons without distinction of race or station and looting houses and destroying property, and have shown themselves outlaws deserving no sympathy. They can plead no excuse either on political or economical grounds. It is essential for the peace of the loyal and law-abiding subjects that a rising of this kind be dealt with as rapidly as possible and with all the forces at the disposal of the Government."

And Indian, have already arrived at Tharrawaddy and a battalion of Burma Rifles arrives to-day. The police have already achieved considerable success and the situation is improving daily.

**CAT O' NINE TAILS
FOR CRIMINALS.****NANKING URGED TO SANC-
TION ITS RESTORATION.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.

Mr. S. Fessenden, Director-General of the Municipal Council, interviewed, declared that the restoration of the cat o' nine tails as a punishment for Chinese criminals was bound to produce immediately a substantial reduction in crimes of violence, because lawless elements had less fear even of the capital penalty than of the "cat."

Mr. Fessenden urged the Nanking Government to sanction this method of punishment, which was not barbarous, inasmuch as it was still used in highly civilised countries and in some parts of America.

[The last five words of the above message are our correspondent's.—Ed.]

TEST CRICKET.**SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM
SELECTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29.

The team to represent South Africa against the English XI in the second Test match, to be played at Capetown on January 1, is as follows:—Deane (Captain), Taylor, Siedle, Mitchell, Catterall, Balaskas, Cameron, McMillan, Nupen, Vincent and Bell.

**ROUND-TABLE
CONFERENCE.****MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF
WORK ALREADY DONE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, Dec. 29.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, was in consultation on Saturday and again yesterday with the Secretary of State for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Postmaster-General Lees Smith, and officials and advisers of the India Office.

The work already done was reviewed and much consideration was given to further means to be taken to assist the Conference.

**LURED BY GIRLS TO NIGHT
CLUBS.****MAGISTRATE WARNS A
YOUNG MAN.**

"You are going on the road that will simply lead you to the devil," said Mr. Powell, the magistrate at West London Police Court, in reprimanding a young man convicted of theft.

Arthur Herbert Reginald Hunt, aged twenty-five, was charged on remand with stealing a gramophone, a wristlet watch and other articles. Detective Holland stated that Hunt had not been previously convicted. He had received a good education, and was for six years in the mercantile marine service. He had been living on his wife for the past three and a half years, and associating with undesirable characters.

Easily Led Away.

Hunt's mother, a widow, said that he was one of a family of five, and that a brother occupied a good position in India. Unfortunately, Arthur was easily led away, and lately had been associating with girls who had induced him to take them to night clubs.

Mr. Powell said that it was very painful to see a young man of Hunt's respectable parentage, education, and upbringing going right off the track in this fashion.

"You do not want to work, but you want money in order to amuse yourself at night clubs," said Mr. Powell. "I might pass sentence of a term of imprisonment on you and finish with it, but I am going to see if anything can be done to take you out of the path that would certainly lead you to gaol."

Hunt was bound over in £5 for the supervision of the probation officer. The magistrate said that he personally would keep an eye on the case, and asked the probation officer to make a monthly report on Hunt's conduct.

**SHANGHAI RUSSIANS
CONVICTED.****TEARFUL SCENES AT
CONCLUSION OF TRIAL.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.

Tearful scenes were witnessed in the District Court when Sam Ginsburg and Gregorieff, two Russians, were sentenced to four months' imprisonment and were fined \$1,000 each for conducting a public gaming house.

Nine Russian assistants were given two months' imprisonment and were fined \$100 each.

Several of the wives and relatives of the accused wept loudly and protested their innocence, which necessitated their forcible ejection from the Court room.

WAGES IN RUSSIA.**DISCOUNT FOR LOW-PAID
WORKERS.**

"The most human and intriguing of the financial problems in Russia appears to be the balance between wages and prices," says Mr. S. Muddiman in "Public Administration," after spending five weeks in Russia recently.

"The vast majority of industrial workers receive less than £2 a week," he says, "though many receive a good deal more. In 1927-28 wages stood at 32.7 per cent. above the pre-war average, and in 1928 at 38.0 per cent. above."

"Prices, however, are about 85 per cent. above pre-war, and in 1928-29 there was a slight increase over 1927-28. It is difficult to estimate the cost of living, because there are few goods for display and a scale of discounts applies to marked figures according to the nature of the purchaser's employment and the amount of his wages."

"Meals in communal restaurants are roughly at London tea-shop prices, but the fare is very simple. Common suits are priced at £2-2s. About 36 per cent. of the retail trade is carried on by State shops, 60 per cent. by private traders."

"The secret by which ends are made to meet appears to be in the restriction, by ration card, of all personal and domestic requirements—food, clothes, and accommodation—to sheer necessities, and the adjustment of wages and prices to cover a bare living."

**BURGLAR STUNS DAUGHTER
OF ADMIRAL.****KNOCKED DOWN IN BEDROOM.**

The 22-year-old daughter of Admiral H. P. Williams, of the Manor House, Bedhampton, Havant, Hampshire, went to her bedroom recently to prepare for dinner, and was stunned by a heavy blow from a "cat" burglar.

After a few minutes, however, she regained consciousness, ran downstairs, and gave the alarm. It was then found that a gold collar pin set with turquoise, and a silver matchbox were the only articles missing.

Later, the matchbox was discovered in the grounds. The burglar climbed up some ivy to the first floor, and had ransacked some jewellery boxes and drawers before Miss Williams entered the room.

Miss Williams said to a Press representative:

"As I went into my room I was struck a heavy blow on the back of my head. I do not know whether he hit me with his fist or a weapon. I cannot give a description of the man."

Admiral Williams, who was formerly naval attaché, was naval adviser to the Turkish Government from 1910 to 1912, and retired in 1915.

Lord D'Abernon, in discussing the attitude of the British racing public to the mystic charms of the "Toto," spoke of our dislike of paying cash. And being a wise man who has seen many men and many countries, he added that this disinclination is a healthy sign. It shows that we have not yet lost our confidence in each other. In Germany, however, the credit system is in ordinary shopping is practically non-existent. And why? Not, as they will assure you, solely because they are short of cash, but mainly because no German ever really trusts another German.

**AMERICAN BANKING
SENSATION.****ALDINE TRUST COMPANY
CLOSED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.

The Aldine Trust Company, with resources amounting to \$1,800,000, closed its doors this morning.

The Company is offering a reward of \$2,000 for the conviction of any person who has been circulating false rumours regarding its position.

**REVOLT IN TURKEY
SUSPECTED.****CONFERENCE DISCUSSES
SITUATION ALL DAY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.

In a big round-up of suspects, over 1,000 arrests have hitherto been made by the authorities at Menemen, Magnesia, Konin, Smyrna, Stamboul and elsewhere, those taken into custody including Sheiks, dervishes and Imams and a number of women.

"A whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected has been interned."

The Government activities follow the recent revolt at Menemen, in which several persons were killed.

The revolt purported to establish a "religious régime."

The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aimed at the overthrowing of the Kemalist régime in Turkey.

Mustapha Kemal presided at an important meeting at Dolma Baghche Palace yesterday, which was attended by the Prime Minister, Ismet Pasha, the Minister for the Interior, the Chief of the General Staff and other prominent officials, who discussed the situation for eight hours and considered the advisability of imposing special penalties for "reactionaries."

Mr. Hugh Gladstone's "Record Days and Shooting Records," an erudite and amusing work contains accounts of many slaughters and many authentic records, and is a mine of quaint information. We learn how the Marquess of Ripon, timed by a stop-watch, shot 23 pheasants in one minute; how the King did his share in the record pheasant bag for England (at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, in 1913); how a Russian gentleman killed a bear and a blackcock with one shot. There is an old ranking list—decided by ballot—of the 12 best shots in England. Lord de Grey came first. The King, who was then Prince of Wales, is bracketed fourth with the Hon. Harry Stonor.

**BRITISH RUMRUNNER
CAPTURED.****SISTER-SHIP OF THE
AUDREY B.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW LONDON (Conn.), Dec. 29.

The motor-ship Eleanor Joan, of Nova Scotia, a sister-ship of the Audrey B., has been captured by the coastguards.

The vessel is alleged to have \$170,000 worth of liquor on board. The crew of 11 have been taken to New York for trial.

[A message from New London (Connecticut) dated December 25 stated that a coastguard cutter captured a vessel, stated to be the British supply-boat Audrey B, near Montauk Point.

The crew of 10 were arrested, and, it is alleged, a cargo of liquor valued at \$100,000 was seized. The capture followed a chase in which several shells from the cutter damaged the captured ship.]

OBITUARY.**PROFESSOR MACDONNELL.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, Dec. 29.

The death occurred yesterday of Professor Macdonnell, the great Sanskrit scholar and Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit at the University of Oxford.

He was 76 years old.

**AEROPLANE ENGINE
EXPLOSION.****PILOT ESCAPES AFTER 2,000-
FOOT GLIDE.**

An American airman had a remarkable escape over the Kentish coast last month, when a cylinder of his aeroplane engine exploded in mid-air and split the propeller of the machine in two. The airman, C. W. Roderick, a test pilot of the Aeronautical Corporation of America, Cincinnati, Ohio, succeeded in landing his damaged monoplane safely between Shoreham and Hythe, and escaped unhurt.

Roderick was flying the machine from Lymington to Paris, and was about to cross the Channel at a height between 2,000 and 2,500 feet when the cylinder fractured. "This type of ship," said Mr. Roderick afterwards, "has a high gliding angle, and I was able to bring her down without any difficulty. Even if I had been over the Channel I think I could have made land."

Mr. Roderick said the machine was being taken to Paris for exhibition at the Aero Show. "We have a spare motor in London," he added, "and I hope to fit this and get my plane to Paris in time despite this mishap."

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Sports News

TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT.

FINE STAND BY NAVY BATSMEN AFTER POOR START.

GOOD RECOVERY BY ARMY: MUSSON FORCES THE PACE.

The match between the Navy and the Army began yesterday in beautiful weather on what appeared to be an excellent wicket. The Army relied upon the same side which beat the Club, and Captain Thorp again won the toss. He opened with Dewar-Durie and was very nearly taken in the gully in the first over.

The Navy bowling was loose and thirty-seven were scored in fifteen minutes. A couple of disasters, however, happened here, as Dewar-Durie slammed a long hop straight into cover's hands, while Thorp got his leg in front of a straight one from Jowitt, who now was bowling steadily.

Musson was detained by his military duties and could not go in in his regular place but Haslewood and Williams carried on until the latter was l.b.w. to Lyl, and the former bowled by Baker.

Wickets Fall.

Wickets continued to fall steadily and the sixth, seventh and eighth went down between 113 and 115. However, Major Airey was unlucky in being given l.b.w. to a ball he played, while most people thought Fry's similar distinction was rather a high one! Airey had played very nicely for his twenty-six.

Waring played on, but Salmon settled down with Musson who had gone in number eight and was playing pretty freely. The pair put on forty-one runs, and then—after fifteen—Salmon was caught off Lyl. (155-9-19.)

Musson continued to force the pace while Davis batted soundly until he had a go at one of Glass' sleds and was nicely taken by Nash just in front of the pavilion. On the whole the Navy were to be congratulated on getting such a strong batting side out for one hundred and eighty-five.

A Poor Start.

The Navy opened with Squance and Nash to Fry and Williams, at the Naval Yard end. The start was inauspicious as Squance was bowled by a long hop, which he tried to hook, at seven, while Nash played on to Williams at the same total. Edwards, who succeeded, had a life at second slip, but after scoring twelve he was nicely taken by Dewar-Durie off the fast bowler from a skid catch. (30-3-12.)

A Fine Recovery.

At this period the Navy sat up and began to take notice. Glass after a rather shaky start got going, and Barrett rendered excellent support. Both were lucky, as Glass was dropped off a skier from Fry with his score at ten, and Barrett had a life at second slip off Williams. Thus encouraged they sent up the hundred, when Glass, who had been hitting very cleanly, returned one tamely to the bowler. He had scored eight boundaries, and the stand had realized seventy-one runs in forty-nine minutes.

A Momentary Eclipse.

Things then went wrong for the Navy for a bit. Barrett was caught by Dewar-Durie, Mosley caught by the same man off Musson, and Brampton fell to the slow bowler at 123. He had been hitting out firmly and had collected twenty-two, with four boundaries in it.

Another Stand.

With seven wickets down for one hundred and twenty-eight, things did not look so prosperous for the Navy, but Jowitt had started playing an excellent innings, and he found a good partner in Lyl. The only blemish in his innings was a very hard chance, shoulder high, to Musson, which went to the boundary. Lyl made some good hits, and when he was bowled neck and crop by Williams for eighteen the score had reached one hundred and seventy-four.

The Tall Wags.

Aylmer scored seven out of the eight runs put on before Williams found his sticks (182-6-7), and then came a fine last wicket stand. Baker, who played for the Navy here in 1920 or 1921 (I think he was in Ambrose) was quite imperturbable, while Jowitt continued to play free and interesting cricket. Thirty-four runs were scored before Baker skied the fast bowler and was caught at long stops by Musson running from first slip. Jowitt had played a delightful knock for fifty-three not out.

A Fine Effort.

The gallant work of the Navy batsmen, who gave their side a lead of thirty-one, has come as a most pleasant surprise as they have never managed to get going before. Now, however, that Aylmer has managed to get his side together. I imagine that they will "play on" the whole season. It is not usually realized that enormous difficulties the cricket authorities of the Navy are faced with. The coming and going of ships are only a part of them. There are days on—and various jobs of work that have to be done at a given time, and the difficulty of getting together a side from a great many units. It is, therefore, the more pleasant to see them bob up serenely and prove the critics to be liars.

A Late Start.

I am desired to state that as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. W. F. Crosthwait, C.F., the match this morning will not be started until 11.15 a.m.

R. ABBIT.

First Innings of Army.

Lieut. R. V. Dewar-Durie, c Edwards, b Lyl 23
Capt. N. A. Thorp, l.b.w., b Jowitt 17
Lieut. J. Haslewood, b Baker 20
Sig. J. Williams, l.b.w., b Lyl 14
Capt. R. G. Lochner, b Baker 7
L/Corpl. Fry, l.b.w., b Lyl 2
Major R. M. Airey, l.b.w., b Baker 28
Lieut. A. H. Musson, not out 40
Lieut. M. Waring, b Jowitt 1
Pte. R. Salmon, c Edwards, b Lyl 10
Corpl. W. T. Davies, c Nash, b Glass 7
Extras: byes 4, leg byes 5, wide 1 10
Total 135

Fall of Wickets:—1/37; 2/39; 3/58; 4/68; 5/74; 6/113; 7/114; 8/115; 9/155; 10/185.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Mid. Jowitt 12 0 42 2
Sub-Lt. Mosley 2 0 22 0
Mr. J. C. Lyl 15 3 55 4
A. B. Baker 11 0 33 3
Lieut. Glass 3 3 0 1
Comdr. Aylmer 3 0 10 0
Sub-Lt. Edwards 3 1 5 0
Bowler 1 wide.

First Innings of Navy.

Lieut. Comdr. Squance, b Fry 3
A. D. Nash, b Williams 4
Sub-Lt. Edwards, c Dewar-Durie, b Williams 12
Lieut. Glass, c and b Musson 62
Sub-Lt. Barrett, c and b Musson 26
Dewar-Durie 26
Lieut. Comdr. Brunton, c Lochner, b Dewar-Durie 22
Sub-Lt. Mosley, c Dewar-Durie, b Musson 53
Mid. Jowitt, not out 53
Mr. J. C. Lyl, b Williams 18
Comdr. Aylmer, b Williams 7
A. B. Baker, c Musson, b Williams 12
Extras: Byes 4, leg byes 1, no ball 1 6
Total 218

Fall of Wickets:—1/7; 2/7; 3/30; 4/101; 5/117; 6/118; 7/123; 8/174; 9/182; 10/210.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
L/Corpl. Fry 14 1 41 1
Sig. Williams 16 5 53 5
Capt. Thorp 6 0 29 0
Lieut. Musson 10 1 33 2
Lieut. Dewar-Durie 7 0 45 2
Bowler 1 no ball.

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

TWO INTERESTING GAMES NEXT WEEK-END.

[By "L.B.W."]

Not a single league match was decided over the week-end, the reason probably being that one and all wanted to give league cricket a rest during the holidays—may be to get over that Christmas feeling. However, I cannot see what good will result by delaying with the league fixtures. In previous seasons, some club or other (I am not naming at any particular one) always failed to complete its fixtures. That is not right at all, for even though the destiny of the shield might be decided half-way through the season, all Clubs should endeavour to fulfil all their league engagements; otherwise why join the league at all? That "oh well, so and so have already won the shield, what is the good of playing league matches?" attitude is not only not good enough—it isn't cricket. However, let's hope that the next few weeks will see all the clubs giving friendly matches a rest and playing off some of their league fixtures, just to begin the New Year with.

Regarding the coming week-end, there are two league matches down for decision and both should turn out to be really good games. Revere visit the Club seconds, while the Civil Service Cricket Club juniors will journey to Sookunpo where they will battle with the league leaders.

The Revere-Club teams met in a friendly match at King's Park on October 18, when the Portuguese won by 100 runs, but I doubt very much whether they will find their opponents so easy to beat this time. All will depend on what sort of a team the Club fields. If they are anywhere near their full strength, they ought to at least manage a draw—I am not saying that they will not win.

The "Recs." on the other hand will start full of confidence after their success in October, and if Alvey and the Gutierrez cousins get going with the bat they might just do it as they are always very reliable in the field, and their bowling is not at all bad. In any case it should be a really good game.

As regards the Indians-Sookunpo match, these teams have not yet met this season though the Civil Service came out winners when they engaged in their league fixture in 1929. Since then, both teams have been very greatly strengthened, and while the Happy Valley team will go all out to win, the Sookunpo men will no doubt try to maintain their unbeaten record. They have obtained maximum points for their six matches played to date.

I understand Civil Service will be sending down their strongest team, and if they do, they will take some beating. The Indians have not played a league fixture for the whole of this month, but they have been keeping in trim in friendlies and inter-club fixtures, and while they will not say anything one way or the other, news leaks out from the Sookunpo camp that they are confident of adding another three points to their total.

Civil Service might be slightly stronger in batting, but the Indians have a very strong bowling side, backed up by an excellent field. It might well be said that it will more or less be a match between a team of seasoned cricketers against eleven very young and keen fellows. Provided the game starts punctually at 2 p.m.; there ought to be time enough to bring the match to a dramatic conclusion as the time for drawing in January is six o'clock.

As far as I know, there are no other league matches. I may be wrong of course, but then no blame can be attached to me, as there is still a dearth of fixture cards.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS OF HOLIDAY MATCHES.

171 ENTRIES IN BOGEY POOL.

The following are the results of the golf competitions held at Fanling:—

Felix Ellis Cup (December):—
A. W. Hay Edie (3 down) qualified.
Medal round, Old Course, Dec. 24 to 28:—
L. G. S. Dodwell, 84-6-78 wins.
Bogey pool, Old Course, Dec. 24 to 29:—
L. R. Andrews (5) 3 up wins.
Capt. F. S. Weir (13), Comdr. Priestley (16) and J. P. Sherry (17) 3 up, divide 2nd and 3rd prizes.
Other scores:—D. S. Edward, 1 up; A. Ritchie (14), Major L. H. Aste (9), T. Low (14), S. J. H. Fox (9), A. E. Lissman (3), A. H. Ferguson (3), J. E. Richardson (18), all square.

There were 171 entries!
Bogey pool:—
Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews (1 up) wins.

DEATH OF MILITARY CHAPLAIN.

REV. W. F. CROSTHWAITE.

The death occurred at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Sunday morning, of the Rev. W. F. Crosthwait, M.C., M.A., who had been ill for some weeks past. As he was understood to have been suffering from valvular disease of the heart, his demise did not come altogether as a surprise, although the sad news cast a gloom over his circle of friends, amongst whom he was extremely well-liked and popular.

The Rev. W. F. Crosthwait was 41 years of age, being first commissioned as a Chaplain to the Forces in June 1910, and confirmed as Chaplain, 4th Class in November 1919. During the war, he served in France where he gained the Military Cross.

After the war, he served with the British Army of the Rhine, and later in Egypt, from which station he was posted to Hong Kong this year.

Mr. Crosthwait was a native of Dublin, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He leaves a widow and a little daughter, who are at present in Devonshire.

BANDITS' BLUFF.

£20,000 HAUL OF DIAMONDS.

New York.—In the heart of Broadway's theatre district two gunmen raided a jeweller's shop and escaped with diamonds valued at £20,000.

They trussed up the employees of the shop, secured the combination of the safe by a ruse from the owner of the store, and walked out while a crowd was gathering to see what was wrong.

Telegram Ruse.

One of the thieves, dressed as a Post Office messenger, knocked at the jeweller's store, which is owned by Messrs. Rosenthal and Sons, and induced the negro door porter to admit him to deliver a telegram.

An accomplice slipped in the doorway and tied him up.

Three employees of the shop arrived to begin work, and as they passed through the door they were overcome and also bound.

When the manager of the shop arrived he was ordered by the thieves to open the safe, but he was too badly frightened that he was unable to remember the combination.

Owner Duped.

The bandits then ordered the porter to call up Mr. Rosenthal, the owner of the shop, by telephone and get the combination for the safe.

Mr. Rosenthal was only induced to give the combination after a lengthy argument over the manager's forgetfulness.

The thieves then opened the safe, emptied it of all its diamonds, trussed up the employees under the shop, leaving the employees under the counter.

The trussed men slipped their bonds and gave the alarm. A crowd of people collected outside the store, but the thieves had got clear away.

TEMPTING JACK DEMPSEY.

HUGE PURSE IF HE WILL MEET CARNERA.

There is still a possibility of Primo Carnera meeting Jack Dempsey in America. Leon See, his manager, says that he has had a conversation with Dempsey on the subject.

It is as certain as anything can be that the gate for such a fight would amount to two million dollars, and although Dempsey is a rich man he is not insensible to the attraction of a lion's share in the spoils.

He was told that he would be allowed to have the first half-million dollars of the takings for himself and then come in on the rest at the ordinary share percentage with Carnera.

Praise From Sir Hubert.

Dempsey recognised the tempting condition, but doubted his own powers to cope with the Italian. He referred to his failing legs, and when reminded that his hands were still good, and that he might put Carnera on the floor, he replied, "Yes, I dare say I could get him down, but he would probably get up again. Who is there able to keep such a follow down? The fact is," said Dempsey to the Italian's manager, "Carnera is a much better man than even you are aware of!"

Praise from Sir Hubert indeed!

SEDITIONARY PAMPHLETS?

MAGISTRATES COMMENTS ON ABSURD STATEMENTS.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, Yon Kwai (29) a *yaki* employed at the Taihook Sugar Refinery was charged with the unlawful possession, on December 19, at 84, East Street, Quarry Bay, of certain documents, which were likely to cause a breach of the peace. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Det. Sergeant Kennedy was for the prosecution.

Evidence given by a Chinese constable revealed the fact that the documents were found in a box, the key of which was produced by the defendant.

After hearing the evidence, the Magistrate pointed out to Detective Sergeant Kennedy, a passage relating to trouble at the Gas Works and asked if anything had been heard of such an incident. He asked what it referred to.

\$30,000,000 for the Military.

The officer replied that the police had heard nothing about any trouble at the Gas Works, while upon Mr. Lindsay remarked that "surely there has been some underlying fact on which this is based." Reading further the magistrate pointed out that the reference to "overthrow the tamed dogs of the Imperialists" clearly meant to get rid of the "tamed dogs of the Imperialists." There was nothing about force or attack while the red flag items were simply a tissue of lies. A passage accusing the Government of having paid \$30,000,000 for military expenses was absurd.

Concluding, Mr. Lindsay remarked that all the passages referred to incidents which were claimed to have occurred at that time was more or less lies. He then adjourned the case until to-day in order that he might consult the Crown Officers.

DAME CLARA BUTT.

FAMOUS SINGER ON HER WAY.

Dame Clara Butt, who has promised to sing here, and is giving a concert at the Theatre Royal on the 17th of next month, has just left Rangoon on route for Hong Kong. The famous singer, who has been on her Eastern tour, and was giving a second concert last night at Rangoon for those who were not lucky enough to secure seats for the first one, Singapore, too, is asking for a second concert, and Dame Clara has promised to give it there if the liner stays at that port long enough to enable her to do so.

Her Eastern tour has developed in Dame Clara a keen interest in the music of the orient, and several concerts have been arranged for her in which she has played the novel rôle of audience. She fascinated has become with the music of the East that she is even proposing to make herself some records of Japanese songs.

REVOLT IN RUSSIA.

ARTILLERY RUSHED TO MOSCOW.

"EXECUTIONER" LEADS SOVIET FORCES.

Berlin.—Peters, the notorious executor of the Soviet secret police, has been given authority to summon two batteries of artillery to Moscow to "cleanse the Red Army of its disaffected element." He has been appointed to preside over a committee of three which is furnished with "special powers."

This is the news which has been received here from a correspondent in Moscow who has his own means of evading the censorship which the Soviet Government impose on newspaper representatives.

Rumours of what is happening in Russia have been pouring into Berlin. Messages have been received from Paris, Vienna, Riga, Prague, and New York stating that Stalin has been assassinated.

Against this may be set that an official message sent out from Moscow stated that Stalin has just signed a decree concerning Bukharin, the leader of the Right opposition in the Communist Party, who, it is declared, now wishes to return to the fold.

Past the Censor.

But apart from such rumours and official messages as these, certain fragments of news have found their way through the network of the Soviet censorship.

They confirm the report that two battalions of the Moscow garrison, stationed at Ismailovo, on the outskirts of the city, mutinied, and were shot down by the troops attached to the O.G.P.U.

The reports add that another mutiny had broken out in Leningrad and in the naval forces at Kronstadt.

It is further stated that the officers and crew of the gunboat *Norkov*, stationed at Kronstadt, have been put in irons.

Kork, the commander-in-chief of the military district of Moscow, and Tuchachevski, the commander-in-chief of the Leningrad military and naval area, have been ordered to relinquish their posts pending an inquiry.

The reason for this action by the Soviet authorities, according to the reports received here from a reliable and well-informed source, is the unrest existing among the forces commanded by these two officers.

Kork will be summoned before a special tribunal, where he will be examined in connection with the mutiny of the two battalions of the Red Army at Ismailovo.

Tuchachevski is to answer for similar disturbances in his district, especially among the sailors of the Baltic Fleet at Kronstadt.

COCKNEY ACTRESS WHO CAPTURED PARIS.

"MISS CAMPTON" DEAD.

Paris.—Miss Campton is dead. Her name, hardly known recently, was famous a decade ago when Miss Campton was a struggling artist.

Miss Campton, a cockney originally, came to Paris as a member of one of the first Tiller troupes to visit Paris. She had personality and an accent which sent audiences at the Folies Bergères into fits of laughter.

After a struggle she was a star, before that other English artist, Harry Fragson, had won recognition. Fragson's name was *Le Petit*, but what Miss Campton's name was nobody knew; she would never tell. It was the success of Miss Campton which made, *Mlle. Tanguy* change her name to Miss Tanguy, afterwards, corrupted into *Mistiguist*.

Miss Campton married a French comedian who has played in London, but she was divorced.

A few years ago she married M. Paul Derval, the manager of the Folies Bergères, where she had made her first appearance.

The Home Press states that the attempts of the Soviet Government to spread propaganda by the wireless, has created anxiety in Poland, Bessarabia, East Prussia and the Baltic States. The Poles, in order to jam the Russians, have been obliged to erect a vast transmitting station which plays Puccini incessantly from 11 A.M. to midnight. Similar drastic methods have been adopted in other neighbouring countries. So far as England is concerned it is true that the Kremlin propagandists will merely bore the British proletariat, and that in normal times this propaganda will have but a negligible effect. But once the habit becomes established it might be used as a menace in times of crisis.

SILENT SAMARITAN.

SHUT DOORS TO RELATIVES.

SIX-DAYS' VIGIL OF PET DOG.

A little terrier pup, starving and so weak that it could not bark, greeted police officers who broke into a Kent villa, recently and found Miss Frederica Olivia Jones, grand-daughter of the tenth Lord Kinnaird, dead in bed.

The dog, which had been Miss Jones' sole companion for two years, had been lying at the foot of the bed for nearly a week beside its mistress.

Known in the neighbourhood as "The Silent Good Samaritan," Miss Jones, who was 43, had died from heart failure. For two years she had lived as a recluse at the house, an eight-room one, in Canon Road, Bromley.

She was a cousin of the present Lord Kinnaird.

"Miss Jones locked and barred the door to her wealthy relations, but was a real Lady Bountiful to the poor people in the district," said an intimate friend when interviewed.

"Since the death of her mother, the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Jones, nearly two years ago, she had been ill, but refused to see a doctor or allow anyone to do the work of her villa."

"In the past few weeks Lady Kinnaird, her aunt, had driven down specially to visit her, but on each occasion she locked the door and went upstairs. Other relatives met with the same reception."

Gifts to Neighbours.

"Yet if a poor person went to her in trouble there was an open door and generous help forthcoming."

"At Christmas time Miss Jones regularly sent gifts of coal and provisions to her neighbours who were not well off."

Miss Jones' eccentric habits and her seclusion have been generally attributed to a love affair of many years ago.

All dogs had an unusual privilege. They were allowed to use the garden as a playground.

A milk bottle on the door step and a laundry parcel left by the kitchen door for six days had caused neighbours to communicate with Miss Jones' step sister, Mrs. Reynolds, of Roadway-road, Bromley, and rumbled in the police forcing their way into the house.

The dead woman's correspondence lay in the hall, on the walls of which were hung boating pictures. "University College Eight, 1894."

A doctor said Miss Jones had been dead for five or six days. An inquest will not be necessary.

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PLUCK OF A YOUNG
NURSE.BALCONY STRUGGLE WITH
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A young hospital nurse's struggle with a male patient on a balcony 45ft. above the ground was described at an inquest at Portsmouth last month.

The patient, Ernest Augustus Banger (22), of Milford Road, Portsmouth, was a man of 5ft. 10in. He weighed 14 stone. The nurse, Miss Edith Porter, is a slightly-built girl of 22.

Banger was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, suffering from neurasthenia, while the nurses on duty were attending to another patient, Banger got out of bed and made his way to a ward at the top of the building.

Nurse Porter followed him.

Struggle for Telephone.

The man went towards the doors leading to the fire escape. Nurse Porter caught hold of him by one hand and, pulling him away from the door, tried to reach the telephone with her free hand.

Banger pushed the doors open. Nurse Porter grappled with him and cried for help. She hung on to Banger while he struggled to climb the balcony railings, and she still held him when two other nurses arrived.

But Banger broke away and fell to the ground. He was picked up dead.

Miss Porter was complimented by the coroner for her plucky conduct.

The jury found that Banger committed suicide while of unsound mind.

liquidation, coincident with the turn of the month and, as is often the case, the early arrival of metal in fairly substantial quantities surplus to normal requirements. Advice from the Continent indicates a steady market there with, however, only very moderate demand on the part of consumers, but with comparatively little pressure on the part of sellers, who seem loth to dispose of their holdings at a price which producers as a whole regard as scarcely remunerative. The meeting of producers held in Paris last Saturday was, according to reports, concluded without agreement being reached. In the U.S.A., the market remains quietly steady, and the price shows no material change.

CHEVALIER'S £4,000
A WEEK.CHANGE OF MIND THAT
LED TO FAME.

This is how Maurice Chevalier had his first inkling that he was in the £4,000-a-week class.

He had just made "Innocents of Paris," and a request came for him to sing at a private party given by one of the Vanderbilts.

"No, I can't sing at parties," Maurice told Mr. Tom Hearn, his personal manager. "It's not in my line. I should be nervous among all those fashionable people. I must have the footlights between me and the audience."

"Quite right," said Mr. Hearn. "Don't go if you don't want to. But the Vanderbilts are very big people, and you can't give them just a blank refusal."

So it was agreed that they would close the matter by asking an absurd fee.

The particular Vanderbilt concerned was informed that M. Chevalier would be pleased to sing, but was afraid he would have to ask a rather high fee—£1,000 (£200).

Accepted.

To the surprise of star and manager this offer was immediately accepted. More private engagements came and the fee was raised gradually until Chevalier's charge for appearing at a private party is £1,000.

It is no conventional compliment to say that personally he remains unspoilt. He dealt with all sorts of relevant and irrelevant questions in his frank and amiable way, and he kept a level head in his tactful evasions when he thought interviewers were going too far.

His London reception was beyond anything he had anticipated.

"In my French and Latin idea," he said, "I had thought the English so restrained, and when I saw all the different kinds of people in the crowd—old ladies and little boys, well-dressed and poorly dressed men and women, all eager to shake my hand—well, it nearly made me cry."

"I was a poor boy and I have had to work hard as a small artist for very little money; and really, it was wonderful to see people of all sorts coming to welcome me."

One person whom M. Chevalier never fails to mention in telling of his past is Mr. Ronald Kennedy, the Durham schoolmaster who taught him English when they were war prisoners together. Mr. Kennedy will be his guest in London during the coming week-end.

MAN-HUNT IN LONDON.

MOTOR-CARS SEIZED BY
POLICE.

A large number of policemen blow their whistles and engaged in a thrilling man-hunt through the narrow and dimly-lighted streets of Bloomsbury recently in an effort to recapture a man who escaped from custody at Hunter-street Police Station.

Heavy mist obscured the streets when the alarm was given about half past nine.

At the first blast of whistles policemen appearing running in all directions, and those in Hunter-street station snatched up their truncheons and helmets and set off in pursuit.

The fugitive was already clear, and had outdistanced his pursuers in the direction of Brunswick-square.

The police commandeered private motor-cars and taxicabs, and even leaped on to running boards of motor-cars and ordered the drivers to disregard all speed limits.

Civilians in Hunter-street ran after the police to assist, and when the chase reached Brunswick-square, a large grass square surrounded by spiked iron railings, the fugitive was seen again.

When he realised that his pursuers were close on his heels he scaled the railings, and in a moment he had disappeared.

The police then formed into small search parties and patrolled the neighbourhood, stopping passers-by, and examining their boots for signs of mud.

At one time in the chase, when civilians heard the police whistles and saw a man in a trilby hat running frantically towards them, they attempted to bar his passage by forming a circle across the road.

The man broke through, however, and raced towards Brunswick-square.

KING CAROL LOOK-
ING FOR NEW WIFE.SUCCESSOR TO QUEEN
HELEN?

Vienna.—A Press correspondent has been confidentially informed by persons in the entourage of King Carol of Rumania that the young king, realising that a reconciliation with Queen Helen is out of the question, is now trying to persuade her to leave the country and so permit him to marry another woman of royal blood and make the succession to the throne more secure than it is at present.

The natural sensitiveness of Queen Helen is said to prevent her from contemplating a remarriage with the husband who once deserted her for the pretty commoner, Mme. Lupescu.

Michael, the son of Carol and Helen, is a smart, sturdy boy, but should anything happen to him the succession would be jeopardised; hence Carol's anxiety to remarry is easily understood.

While Carol's first wife, the dark Zizi Lambrino, is ready to stir up trouble by pushing forward Carol's first son, now twelve years of age, Mme. Lupescu, who sold out Carol during his exile, appreciates the situation, and, in spite of rumours to the contrary, has kept away from her royal friend, and is remaining in her little chalet in Switzerland.

MYSTERY TRIP OF MR.
MONTAGU NORMAN.

LINER-TO-LINER DASH.

What is the mystery behind the rapid trip made by Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to Cherbourg harbour and back?

M. Norman was a passenger in the German liner, Bremen, which he boarded off Cowes, travelling from Southampton in a tender with other travellers.

Some hours later, according to one report, he received a wireless message.

As the Bremen steamed into Cherbourg in darkness a rope ladder was lowered over the side. Mr. Norman, accompanied by a friend, Dr. O. Sprague, and his valet, was helped down the ladder into a waiting boat, in which they were taken to the White Star liner Majestic, which was in harbour.

Again by means of a rope ladder Mr. Norman and his companions climbed aboard, and two minutes later the liner sailed for Southampton.

On arrival Mr. Norman was given precedence in landing. A motor-car was waiting and in this he drove to London, which was reached less than 24 hours after he had left the city.

It has been suggested that Mr. Norman was recalled because of an anticipation that a War Loan Conversion scheme is shortly to be launched by Mr. Snowden.

Sir Josiah Stamp, a director of the Bank of England, put forward another explanation.

"As far as I know," he said, "Mr. Norman was not going to America at all. He wanted to talk with an American banking magnate who has been in Europe and who was returning in the Bremen."

[Mr. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has been conferring with bankers in Paris and Berlin.]

"To have a last-minute talk the Governor travelled with his friend as far as Cherbourg."

The League of Nations is, after all, to have its own broadcasting and receiving station at Geneva. The idea has been flirted with for some time past, but the Swiss authorities were bitterly opposed to the installation. This objection has apparently now been overcome, for an agreement has been concluded under which the principal wireless construction companies throughout the world will collaborate in the establishment of an autonomous wireless centre capable of maintaining communication, even in the case of war, with all non-belligerent or with all countries owing allegiance to the League. The station, which will possess two of the best short-wave transmitters and four receivers for both short and long waves, is to be situated at a place where, it is claimed, will secure for it complete immunity and independence.

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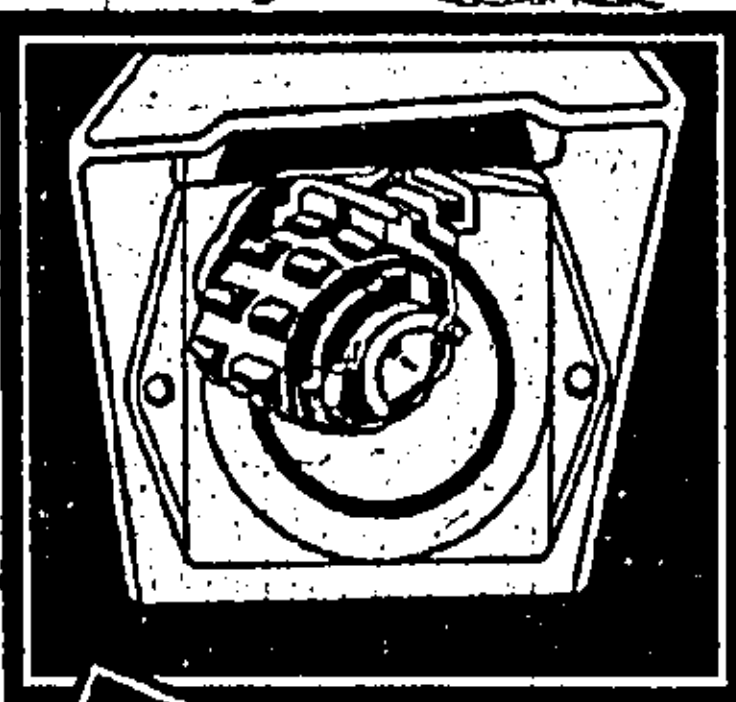
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NURSE.BALCONY STRUGGLE WITH
A MAN.

A young hospital nurse's struggle with a male patient on a balcony 35ft. above the ground was described at an inquest at Portsmouth last month.

The patient, Ernest Augustus Banger (22), of Milford Road, Portsmouth, was a man of 5ft. 10in. He weighed 14 stone. The nurse, Miss Edith Porter, is a slightly-built girl of 22.

Banger was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, suffering from neurasthenia, while the nurses on duty were attending to another patient, Banger got out of bed and made his way to a ward at the top of the building.

Nurse Porter followed him.

Struggle for Telephones.

The man went towards the doors leading to the fire escape. Nurse Porter caught hold of him by one hand and, pulling him away from the door, tried to reach the telephone with her free hand.

Banger pushed the doors open. Nurse Porter grappled with him and cried for help. She hung on to Banger while he struggled to climb the balcony railings, and she still held him when two other nurses arrived.

But Banger broke away and fell to the ground. He was picked up dead.

Miss Porter was complimented by the coroner for her plucky conduct.

The jury found that Banger committed suicide while of unsound mind.

liquidation, coincident with the turn of the month and, as is often the case, the early arrival of metal in fairly substantial quantities surplus to normal requirements. Advice from the Continent indicate a steady market there with, however, only very moderate demand on the part of consumers, but with comparatively little pressure on the part of sellers, who seem loth to dispose of their holdings at a price which producers as a whole regard as scarcely remunerative. The meeting of producers held in Paris last Saturday was, according to reports, concluded without agreement being reached. In the U.S.A., the market remains quietly steady, and the price shows no material change.

CHEVALIER'S £4,000
A WEEK.CHANGE OF MIND THAT
LED TO FAME.

This is how Maurice Chevalier had his first inkling that he was in the £4,000-a-week class.

He had just made "Innocents of Paris," and a request came for him to sing at a private party given by one of the Vanderbilts.

"No, I can't sing at parties," Maurice told Mr. Tom Hearn, his personal manager. "It's not in my line. I should be nervous among all those fashionable people. I must have the footlights between me and the audience."

"Quite right," said Mr. Hearn. "Don't go if you don't want to. But the Vanderbilts are very big people, and you can't give them just a blank refusal."

So it was agreed that they would close the matter by asking an absurd fee.

The particular Vanderbilt concerned was informed that M. Chevalier would be pleased to sing, but was afraid he would have to ask a rather high fee—£1,000 (£200).

Accepted.

To the surprise of star and manager this offer was immediately accepted. More private engagements came and the fee was raised gradually until Chevalier's charge for appearing at a private party is £1,000.

It is no conventional compliment to say that personally he remains unspoilt. He dealt with all sorts of relevant and irrelevant questions in his frank and amiable way, and he kept a level head in his tactful evasions when he thought interviewers were going too far.

His London reception was beyond anything he had anticipated.

"In my French and Latin idea," he said, "I had thought the English so restrained, and when I saw all the different kinds of people in the crowd—old ladies and little boys, well-dressed and poorly dressed men and women, all eager to shake my hand—well, it nearly made me cry."

"I was a poor boy and I have had to work hard as a small artist for very little money; and really it was wonderful to see people of all sorts coming to welcome me."

One person whom M. Chevalier never fails to mention in telling of his past is Mr. Ronald Kennedy, the Durham schoolmaster who taught him English when they were war prisoners together. Mr. Kennedy will be his guest in London during the coming week-end.

MAN-HUNT IN LONDON.

MOTOR-CARS SEIZED BY
POLICE.

A large number of policemen blow their whistles and engaged in a thrilling man-hunt through the narrow and dimly-lighted streets of Bloomsbury recently in an effort to recapture a man who escaped from custody at Hunter-street Police Station.

Heavy mist obscured the streets when the alarm was given about half past nine.

At the first blast of whistles policemen appearing running in all directions, and those in Hunter-street station snatched up their truncheons and helmets and set off in pursuit.

The fugitive was already clear, and had outdistanced his pursuers in the direction of Brunswick-square.

The police commandeered private motor-cars and taxicabs, and even leaped on to running boards of motor-cars and ordered the drivers to disregard all speed limits.

Civilians in Hunter-street ran after the police to assist, and when the chase reached Brunswick-square, a large grass square surrounded by spiked iron railings, the fugitive was seen again.

When he realised that his pursuers were close on his heels he scaled the railings, and in a moment he had disappeared.

The police then formed into small search parties and patrolled the neighbourhood, stopping passers-by, and examining their boots for signs of mud.

At one time in the chase, when civilians heard the police whistles and saw a man in a tribby hat running frantically towards them, they attempted to bar his passage by forming a cordon across the road. The man broke through, however, and raced towards Brunswick-square.

KING CAROL LOOK-
ING FOR NEW WIFE.SUCCESSOR TO QUEEN
HELEN?

Vienna.—A Press correspondent has been confidentially informed by persons in the entourage of King Carol of Rumania that the young king, realising that a reconciliation with Queen Helen is out of the question, is now trying to persuade her to leave the country and so permit him to marry another woman of royal blood and make the succession to the throne more secure than it is at present.

The natural sensitiveness of Queen Helen is said to prevent her from contemplating a remarriage with the husband who once deserted her for the pretty commoner, Mme. Lupescu.

Michael, the son of Carol and Helen, is a smart, sturdy boy, but should anything happen to him the succession would be jeopardised; hence Carol's anxiety to prevent her easily understood.

While Carol's first wife, the dark Zizi Lambino, is ready to stir up trouble by pushing forward Carol's first son, now twelve years of age, Mme. Lupescu, who seduced Carol during his exile, appreciates the situation, and in spite of rumours to the contrary, has kept away from her royal friend, and is remaining in her little chalet in Switzerland.

MYSTERY TRIP OF MR.
MONTAGU NORMAN.

LINER-TO-LINER DASH.

What is the mystery behind the rapid trip made by Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to Cherbourg harbour and back?

Mr. Norman was a passenger in the German liner, Bremen, which he boarded off Cowes, travelling from Southampton in a tender with other travellers.

Some hours later, according to one report, he received a wireless message.

As the Bremen steamed into Cherbourg in darkness a rope ladder was lowered over the side. Mr. Norman, accompanied by a friend, Dr. O. Sprague, and his valet, was helped down the ladder into a waiting boat, in which they were taken to the White Star liner Majestic, which was in harbour.

Again by means of a rope ladder Mr. Norman and his companions climbed aboard and two minutes later the liner sailed for Southampton.

On arrival Mr. Norman was given precedence in landing. A motor-car was waiting and in this he drove to London, which was reached less than 24 hours after he had left the city.

It has been suggested that Mr. Norman was recalled because of an anticipation that a War Loan Conversion scheme is shortly to be launched by Mr. Snowden.

Sir Josiah Stamp, a director of the Bank of England, put forward another explanation.

"As far as I know," he said, "Mr. Norman was not going to America at all. He wanted to talk with an American banking magnate who has been in Europe and who was returning in the Bremen."

[Mr. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has been conferring with bankers in Paris and Berlin.]

"To have a last-minute talk the Governor travelled with his friend as far as Cherbourg."

The League of Nations is, after all, to have its own broadcasting and receiving station at Geneva. The idea has been flirted with for some time past, but the Swiss authorities were bitterly opposed to the installation. This objection has apparently now been overcome, for an agreement has been concluded under which the principal wireless construction companies throughout the world will collaborate in the establishment of an autonomous wireless centre capable of maintaining communication, even in the case of war, with all non-belligerents or with all countries owing allegiance to the League. The station, which will possess two of the best short-wave transmitters and four receivers for both short and long waves, is to be worked on a wavelength which, it is claimed, will secure for it complete immunity and independence.

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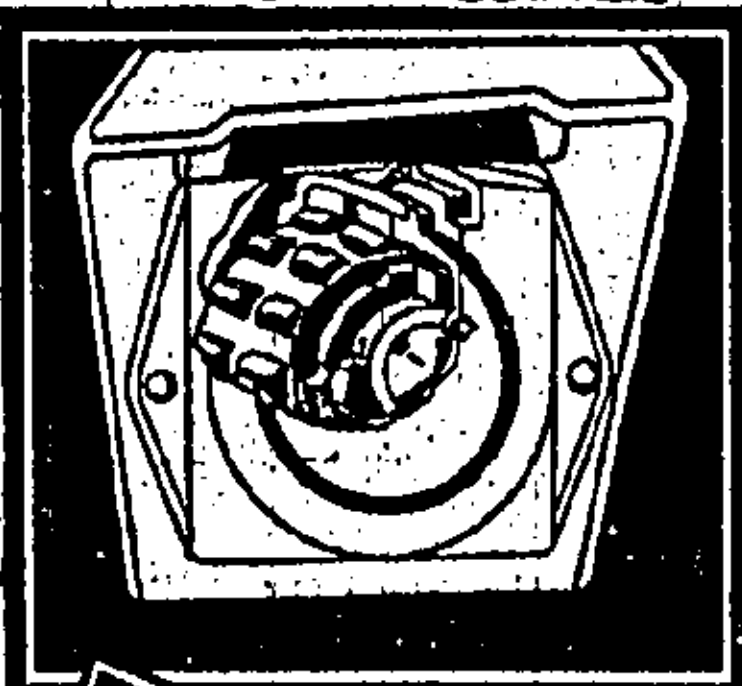
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THE BIG SHOPS A BLAZE OF CHRISTMAS REVELRY.

Among the distinguished visitors who have already arrived in town for Christmas is Father Christmas. He comes but once a year, but, good! (as the old gentleman is fond of exclaiming) he makes a long stay of it! The West End stores, of course, are his chief haunt.

He has opened his Christmas Fair everywhere. Kensington, Oxford Street, Holborn, Baywater, Piccadilly—the big shops have all burst into a blaze of Christmas revelry. Giant figures of Father Christmas himself open huge, red-overcoated arms of welcome. Arrows as thick as rain-pipes point the way into palaces of juvenile delight. Monstrous characters from fairyland sport in bright electric outlines across the facades. Walk up! Walk in! Christmas has begun!

How jolly it all is for the youngsters! Every afternoon now one may find them crowded in the Christmas Fairs, excited up to the eyebrows at the sight of toys resembling the sands of the sea in multitude and a fairy's dream in variety of beauty and astonishment. Is there anyone anywhere—ever—no happy as a child in a modern Toy Fair?

He should be happy, of course, for he is not emperor there of the gayest empire imaginable! Every art and every science is at his service.

What magnificent dolls they put before the little girls nowadays! There is one West End store where the dolls are perched on a miniature roundabout that revolves to the old melodies of a musical-box, and they are so lovely in their smiles and bows and dimities as they whirl round that the little girls who stand by looking at them almost cry with joy. Then the toy animals! They are clothed in all colours of fur, silkier than any kitten to the touch, and able to mew and grunt and bark and quack much better than their dull originals. The most amiable Zoo ever got together. The very big ones—some of them railed off within enclosures, so they surely must be dangerous—flash their eyes most terribly as they say "Grrrr!" and wave their shaggy heads and move their powerful paws.

The Mechanical Age.

As for the major mechanical toys—the railways and power-engines and steamboats and airplanes—they have more space than ever devoted to their exhibition.

We elderly persons think with shame and wretchedness of the clockwork engines we thought such a lot of in our youth (wound up with keys that made a horrid squirching noise that set our parents' teeth on edge to hear it) when we look at the marvellous railway systems in operation at all the Stores to-day.

One of them has eight electric trains running at once. There they go—look!—over bridges, on embankments, through tunnels and past all manner of scenery—1,200 ft. of track. A switch is turned and they operate without further attention, the fast long-distance flyers and the trains that stop at every station. The points at the central junction are most elaborate, but they negotiate them without a hitch, obeying the green lights on the red as they gleam from the tall signal-posts. Six hundred miles a week—that is the distance covered by these Robot trains. And, so far, not a life lost!

But bless your soul! how can the poor children see them properly with all those fathers ranked in immovable masses in the front line? You never (if you are a boy) saw anything so provoking! Brought there, you were, on the particular promise of a treat—to wit, the spectacle of this perfectly topping railway—and then clean forgotten while Father edged and pushed his way to join that Himalayan range of grown-ups which hid the whole thing! Would they move? Not on your life! There they stood like stricken statues gazing and glaring woe-begotten at a pantomime. It was enough to make a chap simply loathe his people!

Well, well! After that, it was hardly possible for Father to come away without doing something handsome about a locomotive or a set of rails; so there was a silver lining. Boys don't be too impatient when you see the Dad fall into a trance before one of these glorious sights. He'll be easy plucking soon. Give him rope, and at the right moment, when he wakes up full of remorse, ask him: "What about it?"

Of elaboration of existing toy favourites by increasing application of electrical ingenuity and decorative art there is no sign of an end. For even the imposing engineering marvels with smoking chimneys and a train of machinery all working away, left out of account, and even though the trade of the British Empire depended on it, was only one of a score of possibilities of modern toy production. It was just an (Continued at foot of next column.)

"WE MUST NOT BLUSH UNSEEN."

BILL TO ATTRACT VISITORS FROM ABROAD.

The House of Commons has taken the view that Great Britain is the best spot in the world to live in, and M.P.'s backed their judgment by giving a second reading to a Bill which will permit local authorities to spend up to one-half penny of the local rates in advertising the beauties of Britain to the world at large.

Major Salmon, author of this "Come to Britain" Bill, quoted figures.

We had 457,000 foreign visitors to these shores last year. France, on the other hand, had 1,800,000. France, Germany, and the United States, he added, spent large sums in attracting tourists to see their beauties.

"We cannot afford to blush unseen," said Major Salmon.

Mr. Rhys Davies said it was time we told the world what there is to be seen here, and he spoke glibly of the glories of Oxford, Cambridge, and of Manchester, at which some M.P.'s laughed.

Sir Donald Macdonald, a Scotman whose politics has associated with the Cornish Riviera, cordially welcomed the Bill for the Liberals, and now it only needed Miss Susan Lawrence, Under Secretary for Health, to add the blessing of the Government.

She gave it handsomely.

"This," she said, "is the most agreeable country in the world. If foreigners only knew how nice it is they would flock here in thousands and spend their money with both hands."

Commander Southby was disposed to oppose the Bill in fear that our island quiet and tranquillity might be disturbed by the incursion of thousands of foreigners.

He sits for Dymond, and it was pointed out to him that, representing as he did an English town known all over the world, it was rather odd that he should oppose such a Bill. Commander Southby thereupon struck his colours, and the Bill went through without a division.

WEATHER REPORT.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 28.	
Paris	132.60
New York	4.85 55/64
Brussels	34.73
Geneva	25.01
Amsterdam	12.05
Milan	92.75
Berlin	20.39
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.10
Oslo	18.15
Vienna	24.48
Athens	375.07
Prague	163.370
Helsingfors	163.074
Madrid	45.65
Lisbon	168.24
Bucharest	517
Rio	4 21/30
Buenos Aires	36
Montevideo	35
Bombay	1/32
Shanghai	1/54
Hong Kong	Holiday
Yokohama	2/17/30
Silver (spot)	14
Silver (forward)	14 11/10

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 29, 1931.	
On LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer...	1/14
Bank Bills, on demand 1/18	
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	1/14
Credita, 4 months' sight	1/2 1/16
Documents, 4 months' sight	1 23/6
On PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 690	
Credita, 4 months' sight 730	
On NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 27 1/16	
Credita, 60 days' sight 28 1/2	
On BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	75 1/2
Bank, on demand	75 1/2
On CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer...	75 1/2
Bank, on demand	75 1/2
On SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	75 1/2
On YOKOHAMA:—	
On demand	54 1/2
On MANILA:—On demand...	54 1/2
On SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	48 1/2
On BATAVIA:—On demand...	67 1/2
On HAIPHONG:—	
On demand	60 1/2
On BANGKOK:—	
On demand	16 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying	Rate
Bar SILVER, per oz.	14 1/2

earnest of the much more powerful playthings which the sons of our boys, I suppose, will be amusing themselves with. Every day, every day, we are feeding the great mechanical age, building a greater empire over nature than even this changing, roaring world has imagined.

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Metals.	
Market strong. Stocks low.	
IRON AND STEEL:—	
Steel Nail Rods	per piece 7.25
Asphs (round, 1/2")	6.20-6.40
" Rods	7.00
" Joists	4.75-7.50
" Sheets (4' x 8' 7")	10.50
" Plates	8.55
Small round rods	6.80-7.00
Hoops, black steel	5.75
Galv. Tubing 1/2"	10.75
Black Tubing 1/2"	Discount 70% c. & f.
Galv. Tubing 1/2"	80%
Wire Nails, 1-3" per piece 10.00	
Galvanized corrugated sheet	24/25
Galvanized flat sheet, 1/2"	24/25
1/3" per 100 lbs. 20G 11.75	
Galvanized 3/32" x 4" x 1/2" per lb.	15.00
Galv. wire, 18/22... p. lb. 15.50	
L.M., Spot	per piece 17.00
To arrive	10.70
Australian B.H.F., Spot	17.20-17.80
To arrive	17.80
WASTE AND OLD MATERIALS	
English I.C.W., 20" x 14"	10.00
100 lbs. Spot	per box 10.00-10.50
English I.C.W., 18" x 14"	10.50
70 lbs. Spot	per box 10.50
English I.C.W., To arrive	10.80
Continental	
American I.C.W. (Spot) 20" x 14"	10.00
100 lbs., 112 sheets per box... No stocks	
American I.C.W., To arrive 20" x 14"	10.00
100 lbs., 112 sheets... per box 18.00	

Petroleum Products.	
WHITE ROSE BRAND	per case \$5.93
COMET BRAND	5.79
EAGLE BRAND	5.73
SOONER MOTOR GASOLINE	case 11.15
SILVER LIGHT	6.54
CROWN BRAND	68 lbs. 2 time 6.25
8 1/2 galls. 68 lbs. bulk 6.55	
CROWN BRAND	8 1/2 galls. 71 lbs. bulk 6.55
LAMP GLASS	2 time 6.18
(Kerosene prices advanced by 55 cents per unit on 28/12/30.)	
SHELL MOTOR SPIRIT	case 11.15
2 time 10.90	
bulk 10.40	
gallon (ex pump) 1.25	
(Benzene prices advanced by 1.35 per unit on 17/12/30.)	
SCALE	case 0.04
YIN ROO	6.44
TAKAO MOTOR SPIRIT	11.15
No. 1 Shell	11.40
No. 2 Shell	10.60

Flour.	
AMERICAN PATENT	per sack \$4.40-4.70
" Straight	3.10-3.50
" Cut off	3.20-3.50
Australian No. 1	3.40-3.70
Canadian Cut off	3.25-3.55
" Straight	3.10
" End Clear	3.00

Stocks.	
American	400,000 bags
Canadian	100,000
Australian	25,000
525,000 bags	

Sundries.	
Window Glass	
Large average sizes	
1 1/2" thick (18 oz.) per box	\$7.50-8.00
1 3/4" "	17.75
China, India and Straits Produce.	
SEAGRAM	
Java Rough White... per piece \$3.00-7.35	
(Reported sales 9,124 piculs. Spot.)	
Java Rough White... per piece \$3.00-7.35	
(Reported sales 87,572 piculs. Spot.)	
Java Fine White... per piece \$7.23-7.45	
(Reported sales 1,980 piculs. Spot.)	
Java Rough Brown... per piece \$4.03-4.43	
(Reported sales 34,021 piculs. Spot.)	
Java Rough Brown... per piece \$4.03-4.43	
(Reported sales 18,215 piculs. Spot.)	
Java Molasses... per piece \$6.03-6.43	
(Reported sales 9,322 piculs. Spot.)	

That most popular word in British politics of the moment, tariff, is taken from the Arabic, and recalls the fact that at one time tariffs were in force at only one seaport in the world. This was Tarifa, near Gibraltar, where the Moors, during the period of their ascendancy, levied taxes on every ship entering the Mediterranean. Hence the word came to mean a table of duties levied on imports.

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...	...	...	£10	Do. (London)	...	...	...
...	...	...	£17 1/2	Chartered Banks	...	...	£18
...	...	...	£27	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	£27
...	...	...	£12 1/2	Do. "C"	...	...	£12
\$115	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	\$110	...	...
Insurances							
...	...	...	\$1,230	Canton Insurances	\$1,230	...	...
...	...	...	...	Underwriters	\$3,20	...	...
...	...	...	...	North China	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Union Insurances	\$520	\$520	...
...	...	...	...	Yangtze Insurances	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Firs	\$400	...	...
...	...	...	\$1,215	H.K. Firs	\$1,225	...	...
Shipping							
...	...	...	...	Douglases	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Steamboats	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Do. (def.)	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Water-boats	\$39	...	...
Mining							
...	...	...	...	Bonquets	...	...	...
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Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	\$172	...	...
...	...	...	...	Providents (old)	\$5,25	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$2,55	\$2,60	...
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...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	New Engineering	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Hongkows	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels, and Buildings							
...	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels	\$12,20	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Lands (old)	\$54 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$53 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Realty	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Humphreys	\$17,85	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
...	...	...	...	Ewee	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shai Cottons	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zong Sings	...	...	...
Public Utilities							
...	...	...	...	Tramways	\$18	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	325	...	...
...	...	...	...	O. V. Electric	325	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macao do	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (fully pd)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (part pd)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Buses	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Tractions	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	...	...	...	Coldbeck (ord.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macgregors (pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Canton Less	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cements (comb.)	\$17 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ropes	\$11,40	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Sugars	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Malabon Sugars	\$25 1/2	...	...
Miscellaneous							
...	...	...	...	Dairy Farms, cum. r.	325 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do., ex rights	\$42 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do., new	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Der A. Wings	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Amusements	\$21 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chin. Entertainment	\$19 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions	\$4,80	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lane Crawfords	\$31	\$3,70	...
...	...	...	...	Mackintoshes	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco	\$9 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sincere	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Windsor	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wm. Powell	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	B. Ind. G. Bonds	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Gov. Loans	\$108	...	...

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

AMOV.

Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 30.
Hosang, Jardine's, Dec. 31.
Tianyuan, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 2.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.
Talmu, B.I., Jan. 12.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.

ANTWERP.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 29.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 2.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 31.

BALTI PORTS.

Irisbank, Bank, Jan. 10.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

BANGKOK.

Hirundo, Thorsen, Jan. 4.
Kingsau, B. & S., Jan. 4.
Hiram, Thorsen, Jan. 11.

BARCELONA.

Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 10.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.

BELAWAN-DELL.

Cremey, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.

BOMBAY

Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Mirapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.

BOSTON.

Tatsuno, Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Irisbank, Bank, Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.

BREMER.

Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.

BRINDISI.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

CALCUTTA.

Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Murotan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 6.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.
Talamu, B.I., Jan. 16.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.

CASABLANCA.

Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Jan. 9.

COLOMBO.

Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Mirapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 19.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 20.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.

COPENHAGEN.

Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

DALNY.

Chinbua, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Patroclus, B.F., Jan. 10.

DUTCH PORTS.

Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 4.
City of Corinth, Bank, Jan. 5.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.
Duisburg, Jelsen, Jan. 13.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 29.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

FOODS.

Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 30.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 2.
Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 13.

GENOA.

Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 4.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Duisburg, Jelsen, Jan. 13.
Durban N.Y.K., Jan. 18.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

GLASGOW.

Jason, B.F., Jan. 1.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.

HAMBURG.

Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 4.
City of Corinth, Bank, Jan. 5.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.
Duisburg, Jelsen, Jan. 13.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 29.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

HAYRE.

Jason, B.F., Jan. 1.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

HONOLULU.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.

JAPAN PORTS.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Dec. 31.
Hosang, Jardine's, Dec. 31.
Kidders, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 2.
Helena, B.F., Jan. 2.
Pelous, B.F., Jan. 3.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Menelaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Andre Lobon, M.M., Jan. 6.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 6.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 9.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 7.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Sauerland, Jelsen, Jan. 9.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 9.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.
Talmu, B.I., Jan. 12.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 13.
Ramesa, Jelsen, Jan. 10.
Kashgar, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Automedon, B.F., Jan. 18.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, Jan. 18.
City of Wellington, Bank, Jan. 19.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Porthos, M.M., Jan. 20.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Havel, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Eurylochus, F.F., Jan. 27.
Shantung, Gilman's, Jan. 27.
Lycan, B.F., Jan. 29.
Venezia, Dodwell's, Jan. 30.
Malwa, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.

KATAKATA.

Tillobet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 30.
Tiansondri, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 13.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 20.

LIVERPOOL.

Jason, B.F., Jan. 1.
Durban, Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.

LONDON.

Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
City of Corinth, Bank, Jan. 5.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 13.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 27.

MANILA.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Dec. 30.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Jason, B.F., Jan. 1.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 2.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 4.
Tillobet, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Jan. 10.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 17.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 20.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 31.

MARSEILLES.

Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Trier, Melchers, Jan. 10.
Duisburg, Jelsen, Jan. 13.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 29.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

MELBOURNE.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Irisbank, Bank, Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.

NORTH CHINA PORTS.

Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Jan. 13.

PANAMA.

Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

PENANG.

Cremey, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Mirapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.
Murotan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 6.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.
Talamu, B.I., Jan. 16.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Jan. 28.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.

RABAT.

St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 2.
Bremthaven, Melchers, Jan. 29.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 31.

RANGOON.

Murotan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.

SAIGON.

Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 20.

SANDAKAN.

Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Mausang, Jardine's, Jan. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 13.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 27.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 29.
Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 6.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.

SHANGHAI.

Hopsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Sinking, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Taming, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Dec. 31.
Vanhang, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Kidders, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Tianyuan, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Helena, B.F., Jan. 2.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 2.
Kingsau, B. & S., Jan. 2.
Lecsaug, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Pelous, B.F., Jan. 3.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.
Menelaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Soochow, B. & S., Jan. 4.
Chinbua, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Andre Lobon, M.M., Jan. 6.
Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 6.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 9.
Sunning, B. & S., Jan. 9.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 7.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 7.
Sauerland, Jelsen, Jan. 9.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 9.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.
Patroclus, B.F., Jan. 10.
Waishing, Jardine's, Jan. 11.
Talmu, B.I., Jan. 12.
Derflinger, Melchers, Jan. 13.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 13.
Ramesa, Jelsen, Jan. 16.
Kashgar, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Automedon, B.F., Jan. 18.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, Jan. 18.
City of Wellington, Bank, Jan. 19.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
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Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Havel, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Eurylochus, B.F., Jan. 27.
Shantung, Gilman's, Jan. 27.
Lycan, B.F., Jan. 29.
Venezia, Dodwell's, Jan. 30.
Malwa, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.

SINGAPORE.

Cremey, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Jason, B.F., Jan. 1.
Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Mirapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.
Murotan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 6.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
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Sarpodon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.

SWATOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 30.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 2.
Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 13.

SWATOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 30.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Taming, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 2.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 2.
Hirundo, Thorsen, Jan. 4.
Kingsau, B. & S., Jan. 4.
Soochow, B. & S., Jan. 4.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.
Sunning, B. & S., Jan. 6.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 7.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 9.
Hiram, Thorsen, Jan. 11.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 13.

TIENTSIN.

Kueichow, B. & S., Jan. 9.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 13.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

TSINGTAO.

Hosang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Sinking, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.
Menelaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Soochow, B. & S., Jan. 4.
Sunning, B. & S., Jan. 6.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 7.
Waishing, Jardine's, Jan. 11.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 7.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 6.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 7.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.

VLADIVOSTOK.

Menelaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, Jan. 18.
Shantung, Gilman's, Jan. 27.

WELSHAW.

Kueichow, B. & S., Jan. 9.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:-
In Basin—H.M.S. Tamar.
South Wall—Marazion, Moorhen.
East Wall—Ipswich, Ophio, Ophio.
North Wall—Midway and S.M. West Wall of Dock—Derby.
In Dock—Thracian, Stormcloud, Sepoy.
Buoy No. 3—Suffolk.
Buoy No. 4—Herald.
Buoy No. 5—Sandwich.
Buoy No. 6—Scrapia.
Buoy No. 7—Bruce.
Buoy No. 8—Sterling.
Buoy No. 9—Sompe.
Foreign Men-of-War—U.S.S. Mindanao, French Argus, Chinese Hai Fu.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

The Steamer "LAHN" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and other German ports, are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godown of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "LAHN" has taken at HAMBURG and BREMEN Through Cargo for HONG KONG ex S.S. "Victoria" and "Vindicta" from GOTTENBURG and MAENTYLUOTO.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd January, 1931, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Abo, at 10 a.m. on the 2nd January, 1931.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature.

MELOHRS & CO., Agents, Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, Hong Kong, 27th Dec. 1930. [10285]

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NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"NANHANG"	On 31st Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 1st Jan.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KINGYUAN"	On 2nd Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 4th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 4th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & S'PORE	"ANKING"	On 5th Jan.	Noon
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"OHINUA"	On 5th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 6th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOW"	On 9th Jan.	8 a.m.

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DECEMBER 28, 1930.													DECEMBER 29, 1930.												
STATION	Hour	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	Hour	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND		
		INCHES	MILLIS.											INCHES	MILLIS.										
Wladivostok	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Nemuro	11	29.90	759.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.94	760.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Hakodate	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	WNW	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tokio	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Kochi	...	30.24	768.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Nagasaki	...	30.16	765.0	...	...	...	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Kagoshima	...	30.24	768.0	...	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Oshima	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	...	SSW	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Naha	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ishigakijima	...	30.18	766.5	...	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Bonin Island	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.43	772.9	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Chefoo	15	30.31	769.9	38	...	...	N	1	6	...	...	...	...	30.21	767.3	47	4	NW	...	...	...	...	...		
Shanghai	14	30.17	766.3	52	4	NNE	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	31.90	769.6	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Gutzlaff	...	30.18	766.6	50	...	...	NW	2	0	...	...	...	...	30.24	768.1	50	6	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Wenchow	...	30.10	764.6	05	6	SSW	2	0	c	6	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	60	6	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Foochow	...	30.10	764.5	02	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.01	762.2	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Amoy	...	30.05	763.2	66	...	...	SW	2	1	c	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Swatow	...	30.03	762.7	65	...	...	SW	1	0	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Taihou	11	30.16	766.9	70	...	...	...	...	0	bc	...	...	...	30.09	764.2	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Taihu	...	30.16	766.0	74	...	...	...	...	0	b	...	...	...	30.10	764.4	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Shanghai	...	30.18	766.8	76	...	...	N	2	4	bc	...	...	...	30.03	762.8	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Koshu	...	30.11	764.8	79	...	...	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Pescadores	...	30.14	765.6	72	...	...	NNE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.1	68	4	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Hong Kong	14	30.05	763.2	68	7	E	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	30.07	763.8	68	7	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Gap Rock	...	30.08	763.5	67	7	ENE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	30.07	763.8	65	4	ENE	...	...	...	...	...		
Macao	...	30.04	763.0	72	6	SE	2	0	c	6	...	...	...	30.00	761.9	65	4	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Hoihow	...	30.08	762.7	75	...	...	NNE	3	8	b	...	...	...	30.03	762.7	72	6	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Pratas Island	...	30.03	762.7	76	8	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	30.07	763.7	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Phu Lien	15	30.00	762.1	72	6	SE	4	0	bc	...	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tourane	...	29.98	761.1	74	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	75	4	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Cape St. James	...	29.98	759.9	84	6	ESE	2	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.95	760.8	76	4	ESE	...	...	...	...	...		
Basco	14	29.99	761.8	79	8	ESE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.95	760.6	74	4	S	...	...	...	...	...		
Aparri	...	29.99	761.8	77	4	ENE	4	0	o	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.4	72	1	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tuguegarao	...	29.98	760.1	83	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	759.7	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Vigan	...	29.90	759.4	91	8	W	2	2	bc	...	...	...	...	29.93	760.1	74	8	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Manila	...	29.88	759.0	91	8	ESE	2	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	759.9	77	6	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Legaspi	...	29.85	758.9	86	8	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.93	760.2	72	8	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Calbayog	...	29.84	758.0	86	8	ENE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.92	760.0	76	8	NW	...	...	...	...	...		
Tacloban	...	29.86	758.5	88	8	S	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	76	6	NNE	...	...	...	...	...		
Iloilo	...	29.86	758.5	88	8	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.89	759.3	76	6	N	...	...	...	...	...		
Cebu	...	29.87	758.8	88	8	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.89	759.3	76	6	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Surigao	...	29.80	758.4	86	8	ESE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	29.88	757.7	75	...	ENE	...	...	...	...	...		
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Guam	12.22	29.86	758.5	...	6	NE	6	0	...	...	...	...	...	39.84	757.8	75	8	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Yap	11.00	29.86	758.4	...	8	NE	2	bc	...	...	...	...	...	39.84	758.0	78	...	ENE	...	...	...	...	...		
Papw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	78	...	NE	...	...	...	...	...		
Latuan	14	29.80	766.9	90	...	N	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

December 29. 10h. 25m.—The anticyclone central over S.E. Mongolia has strengthened. A V-shaped depression has formed between the Loochoos and the Bonins.

The monsoon will freshen along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 1930 10.68 inches, against an average of 88.06 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 30.

- 1.—Formosa Channel N.E. winds, freshening.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook N. winds, freshening; fine at first, drizzle or mist later.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock N. winds, freshening; fine at first, drizzle or mist later.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan mist later.

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Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Empress of Japan	Jan. 10	Jan. 13

HONG KONG—MANILA

EMP. OF RUSSIA	Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila
EMP. OF JAPAN	Jan. 10	Jan. 13

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Saturday, 24th January
KAMO MARU ...	Tuesday, 20th January
KITANO MARU ...	Tuesday, 17th February
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	Sunday, 11th January
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Sunday, 1st February
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Saturday, 21st February
KAWACHI MARU ...	Saturday, 21st February
NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.	Monday, 5th January
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople.	Monday, 18th January
GENOA & MARSEILLES	Monday, 18th January
CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Tuesday, 8th January
MURAHAN MARU ...	Thursday, 15th January
AKITA MARU ...	Thursday, 15th January
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Sunday, 4th January
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POBROS ... 17th Feb.	D'ARTAGNAN ... 17th Feb.
CHENONCEAUX ... 3rd Mar.	ANDRE LEBON ... 17th Mar.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS, 17,400 TONS;
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7,600 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 6 a.m. yesterday were:

Ship	Through Cargo	Imports
British	101	1,022
Kiangsu	1,022	1,022
Hong Sang	625	1,214
Holikon	2,900	1,408
Dutch	11,010	5,700
Tjibbesar	11,010	5,700
Japanese	650	558
Deli Maru	468	1,118
Tasmania Maru	468	558
Milke	1,118	558
Total	17,401	7,601

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

Ship	Arr.	Dep.
British	2	10
Dutch	2	19
Japanese	0	2
Norwegian	0	2
Chinese	0	1
French	0	1
Danish	0	1
American	0	2
German	0	1
Swedish	0	1
Total	8	39

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 6 a.m. yesterday:

Hong Sang (Br.) Tsingtao	11
Holikon (Br.) Saigon	637
Tjibbesar (Dutch) Dairen	249
Deli Maru (Jap.) Takao	53
Swatow	850
Total	1,500

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:

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Buoys:—A1: Taisuta Maru, A2: Tasmania Maru, A3: Tjibbesar, A4: Tjibbesar, A5: Ixion, B7: Nam Sang, A8: Tjibbesar, B9: Tjibbesar, A10: Hong Kheung, B13: Linan, C15: Anhui, C17: New Mathilde, C19: Helikon, B21: Michael Jensen, B24: Peru, A20: Melville Dollar, A27: Lycemoum, A28: Hague Maru, B32: Hye Sang, B33: Rintang, C35: Lee Sang, B36: Cheong Shing, C37: Taming, B38: Canton, C40: Kiangsu.	

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by sea: President Lincoln:—Mr. and Mrs. Chan Cheung Po, Mr. Chan Cheung Bun, Mr. Chan Hak, Mr. Low Key, Miss Alicia M. Sequiera, Mr. G. T. Thach, Mrs. A. T. Thach, Mr. Tse Long Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Tse Wilson, Mr. Manila, Mr. Vicente Fragante, Mr. M. Hernandez, Mr. Carl Hess, Mrs. W. M. Howard, Mr. C. A. Houben, Mr. Leon J. Lambert, Mr. M. G. Miller, Mr. G. E. Nellist, Mr. Osmald Sika, Mr. E. T. Stalle, Jr., Mr. Domingador Villareal, Mrs. Hamilton Wright.

The following passengers arrived on Sunday by the President Lincoln:—Mr. H. C. Arnold, Mrs. D. Browne, Mr. S. Chellaram, Mr. R. De Angeles, Miss A. M. Freedland, Mr. F. J. Fari, Mrs. E. N. Gude, Mr. Geo. Heudebert, Mr. K. Kroier, Mrs. A. M. Najjar, Miss Y. Najjar, Col. and Mrs. J. R. Pourie, Mr. A. L. Poli, Mr. L. H. Ruffin, Mrs. E. T. Seton, Mr. Harold Stuck, Mr. Justo Teodoro, Mr. Jorge Teodoro and Mr. Anton Van-Bynen.

Among passengers passing through on their way to Shanghai were: Mr. C. E. Guest, Mr. H. C. Hamlin, Mrs. V. Parker, Miss I. Parker and Mr. W. J. Wood.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 29.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.04	30.11	29.98
Temperature	68	70	73
Humidity	78	79	70
Wind	—	—	W
Direction	E	W	W
Force	8	1	8
Weather	BO	BF	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 28.69
Lowest open-air Temperature, 23.68

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Partly showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From Dec. 30, 1930, to Jan. 5, 1931.

Day of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	30	h. m.	4.31	h. m.	11.8
Wed.	31	h. m.	5.57	h. m.	0.61
Thur.	1	h. m.	7.13	h. m.	1.43
Fri.	2	h. m.	8.40	h. m.	0.10
Sat.	3	h. m.	9.56	h. m.	2.27
Sun.	4	h. m.	11.12	h. m.	0.44
Mon.	5	h. m.	12.28	h. m.	1.83

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"RANCHI"	10,680	3rd Jan., Noon	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"MIZAPOR"	9,716	6th Jan., 10 a.m.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"JAYPORE"	9,328	10th Jan., (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"KASHMIR"	9,885	17th Jan.	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	15,193	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"PILGRIM"	7,648	7th Feb. (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	14th Feb.	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"MALWA"	10,980	28th Feb.	Marcellus and London.
"KHIVA"	9,114	7th Mar. (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th Mar.	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"SOMALI"	16,819	21st Mar. (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	28th Mar.	Marcellus and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,114	12th Apr.	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	14,688	25th Apr.	Marcellus and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th May	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	15,193	23rd May	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"KASHMIR"	9,885	6th June	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"BANPURA"	16,801	20th June	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th July	Marcellus and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	18th July	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"KASHMIR"	9,114	1st Aug.	L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	14,688	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marcellus & London.
"KASHMIR"	9,114	29th Aug.	Marcellus and London.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	2nd Jan., 3 p.m.	Manila, Batavia, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLOR"	6,853	31st Jan.	
"TANDA"	9,950	23rd Feb.	

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan and Hong Kong to Australia.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Ship	Tons	1931	Destination
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"COMORIN"	15,193	3rd Jan., 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLOR"	6,853	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,114	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	9,950	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SOMALI"	16,819	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	3rd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,114	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	14,688	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLOR"	6,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"COMORIN"	15,193	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,885	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	9,950	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BANPURA"	16,801	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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